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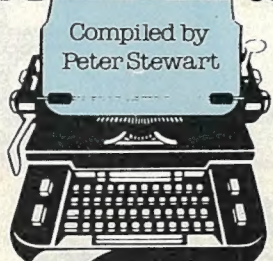
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ALAN McKenna, an 18-year-old centre-forward who was once on the books of Glasgow Rangers, should help strike some life into this season's Third Division action at Millwall.

The former Scotland schoolboy player, who comes from Edinburgh, certainly knows how to jump for a ball. He helped improve his jumping ability in winning medals for Tartan Vale's basketball team.

NEWS

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DESK

ANOTHER BROWN AT ALBION

WHEN Mick Brown was appointed assistant-manager at Oxford United, he was instantly taken with the knowledge, enthusiasm and leadership of their young skipper. Consequently it came as no surprise to Brown when that same young man went on to carve out a successful managerial career.

Nine years later, Mick Brown has elected to renew that earlier working relationship by joining former Oxford captain Ron Atkinson as his right-hand man at West Bromwich. Mick joins first teamers Ally and Tony to complete a hat-trick of Browns at The Hawthorns.



ALUN Evans (left), the former Wolves, Liverpool and Aston Villa forward, who has spent the past few months playing in Australian soccer, is hoping to return to England.

The only problem for Evans is fixing up his return air fares because this was not included in his contract when he went Down-Under.

Evans is keen to rejoin a Football League club and is open to offers once he has completed his contract.

He was once one of the brightest prospects in the game and was the first teenage player ever to command a six figure fee.

Why Boro's new star IRVING NATTRASS rejected Man. City

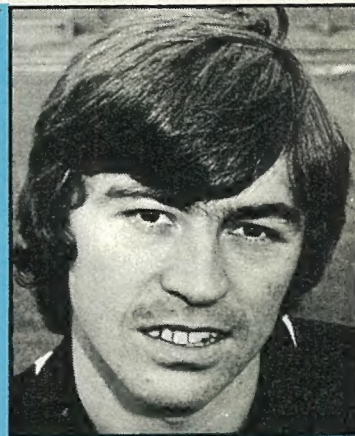
NEWCASTLE United captain Irving Nattrass had a chance to join Manchester City in the summer. The former England Under-23 international preferred Middlesbrough.

Nattrass was keen to stay in his native North-East, but that was not the only reason behind his decision. The quality, multi-purpose player believes a new-image Middlesbrough are set for a bright future.

The 26-year-old Nattrass predicted "The Boro are going places" minutes after his signing. "They

are prepared to spend big money on players these days, and there are tremendous ground developments taking place. It looks as though Manchester City are starting all over again, and it will take time to re-build.

"I have a high regard for Middlesbrough who have some good, young players coming through. It was a wrench to leave Newcastle after ten years, but I need the challenge of a new club and the First Division. I have made little progress over the past two seasons.



"Neither Middlesbrough nor I have won a major honour. It would be great if we could hit a first together."

Nattrass will team up with a former Newcastle colleague in Micky Burns at Ayresome Park. "A good pro. A player who can score 15 to 20 goals a season in any Division," was the Nattrass tribute.

ONE THAT GOT AWAY

WHEN W.B.A. handed over £450,000 for Gary Owen, Manchester City promptly paid £350,000 of the fee to Wrexham for the services of Bobby Shinton. And therein hangs an ironic tale. For Albion could have saved themselves the biggest portion of Owen's cost by signing Shinton for nothing a few years ago — from West Bromwich Parks football



ALAN Birch (above) was Walsall's Player of the Year last term but he was still determined to leave Fellows Park.

The outcome is that he readily agreed to join Chesterfield for a £40,000 fee when Arthur Cox made his bid.

Birch, who had been with Walsall since leaving school, felt he had been taken a little too much for granted by the Midland club and feels he will be more appreciated at Chesterfield.

A stocky little player, Birch has a powerful shot and could be a big asset to Chesterfield.

LEFT-winger Brian McDermott, one of the successes in the England side which played in the Little World Cup, appears to have a great future at Arsenal, the third London club with which he has been associated.

Slough-born Brian, 18 last April, was on schoolboy forms with Q.P.R. and had a brief spell at Millwall, before joining Arsenal on leaving school and signing professional last February.

He got to the Final of the English schools trophy with Slough when he was 14; was Cricketer of the Year at his school, Herschel High and had his first taste of First Division action when coming on as substitute in the Highbury victory over Bristol City in March.

Euro-tie the all-Ireland 'Championship'

NEXT Wednesday's (August 29) away European Cup preliminary round first-leg tie against Eire kingpins Dundalk at Oriell Park will be Linfield's 20th game in the premier Continental competition.

And though their Belfast arch-rivals Glentoran have played more games in all three major European tournaments than any other Ulster club, Linfield have had seven more Champions' Cup outings than their capital-city counterparts.

The Windsor Park side made their big-time Euro debut exactly 20 years ago, when player-boss Jackie Milburn, the former Newcastle United and England ace, netted both goals in a fine 2-1 home European Cup victory v. I.F.K. Gothenburg (Sweden), on September 9, 1959.

That was the first-ever win by an Irish team in modern European competition, and seven seasons later, in 1966-67,

Linfield made history by ousting Aris Bonnevoie (Luxembourg) and Valerengen (Norway) to reach the Quarter-Finals of the Champions' Cup, where they narrowly lost, 2-3 on aggregate, to C.S.K.A. Sofia.

But Linfield's finest European hour arrived in September, 1970, when they lost on the "away" goals rule to reigning Cup-Winners' Cup holders Manchester City. After losing 0-1 at Maine Road, striker Billy Millen's well-taken twosome gave Linfield a shock but deserved 2-1 Windsor victory, with City holding on grimly to the end of a pulsating struggle.

All told, Linfield have figured in 27 Euro ties to date, winning six, drawing five, and losing 16, though half of these were by one or two goal margins. They have scored 33 goals but also conceded

twice as many — 66, including 16 in 8-0 defeats by Red Star Belgrade, in season 1969-70, and PSV Eindhoven, four years ago.

Unimpressive statistics, no doubt, which the Belfast Blues hope to improve upon this time out!

Rival supporters will see this game as a play-off to determine who are the all-Ireland Champions. Linfield, for so long the top side in Ulster — and Dundalk the Double winners in Eire last season.

This is only the second time that Irish clubs have been paired together in European competition. In 1970 Waterford beat Glentoran in the First Round of the Champions' Cup.

Will the Northerners level the score this time? We will probably have to wait until the second-leg at Windsor Park on September 5th to know the answer.

City 'scholars'

IF Birmingham City return to the First Division at the first attempt it will certainly be a case of "full marks" to manager Jim Smith and his assistant Norman Bodell.

The Blues managerial duo took the whole of their first team squad to a private school in Oakham, Leicestershire as part of their pre-season training programme. There the City players were able to make use of a wide range of facilities, including sauna baths, swimming pools and a fully-equipped gymnasium and enjoy a break from training routines.

Saxby's quest

NO player will be more dedicated in his quest to make it a successful season for his club than Luton's new centre-half Mike Saxby.

The defender, who cost £200,000 from Mansfield in June, says: "Luton paid a record fee for me and I intend to repay them. The set-up at Kenilworth Road has really impressed me and I think the club are going places. And I am to go with them."

Luton boss David Pleat had the player watched regularly last season. "I know people thought it was a lot of money to pay for a little-known player, but I've always been ready to back my judgment," he said. "I'm certain he is going to be a tremendous asset to the club."

The 21-year-old Saxby has only played 65 League games with Mansfield. He is 6ft 2in and has impressed a lot of people with his physical presence.

The Clipstone-born youngster adds: "I'm ambitious and so, too, are Luton. I'm hoping that we shall get to the First Division together."

FACTastic

ALTHOUGH Brian Talbot is the only player ever to earn a Cup-winner's medal in consecutive seasons with different clubs, he is not the first man to win medals with two clubs. In 1923 and 1926 David Jack was a Cup winner with Bolton and in 1930 with Arsenal. Johnny Giles, now manager of Eire, achieved the "double" with Manchester United (1963) and Leeds (1972). But one of the most remarkable instances of this happened to John Reynolds who in 1892 helped W.B.A. to beat Aston Villa in the Final and three years later won a second Cup medal with Albion AGAINST Villa! He also played for Northern Ireland against England in 1890 and for England against Ireland a few years later after it was discovered that he was born in England although he lived from boyhood in Ireland.

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Ipswich Town's rugby star



IPSWICH defender Russell Osman (above) and Nottingham Forest midfielder Gary Mills have one thing in common — they have both played for England Schools at Rugby.

Osman captained the England side a few years back and is now a regular in the Ipswich first team. But he still keeps in touch with the oval ball game as the two chaps who share his cottage are Chris Mortimer, captain, and Phil Rosser of the Ipswich Rugby club. And Russell goes along to watch

their Sunday games.

Still keen on the game he has his leg pulled by manager Bobby Robson in training. "The boss says the way I tackle sometimes you'd think I was still playing rugby," says the fair haired centre-back.

Mills made his debut in the European Cup with Forest before he was 17 and he is hoping that he will soon establish a place for himself in the League side this season.

SOUTHAMPTON manager Lawrie McMenemy is reported to be very interested in Dundee United's brilliant young defender Davie Narey.

Clunie pays out

ST. MIRREN manager Jim Clunie cannot be accused of hanging on to the cash he recently received from Liverpool and Bristol City for talented youngsters Frank McGarvey (£300,000) and Tony Fitzpatrick (£250,000) respectively.

He immediately plunged out £100,000 for Partick Thistle's Doug Somner and followed this up with the £150,000 purchase of Clydebank striker Frank McDougall. He got rid of a further £30,000 when he signed Queen of the South's experienced winger John Dempster.

Clunie, who paid out £50,000 for Partick Thistle reserve 'keeper Billy Thomson during last season, is also hoping to buy Dundee United's Under-21 midfielder Graeme Payne. He is likely to cost around the £180,000 mark, but that is unlikely to scare off Clunie, who says his spending spree isn't finished yet!



THE Mabbutt family are certainly keeping the soccer flag flying in the West.

Youngest member to make the grade is Gary, a 17-year-old midfielder player or striker who turned professional for Bristol Rovers last January. His dad, Ray, who still plays in the Western League, gave many years of valuable service to Rovers.

And then, of course, there is Gary's 20-year-old brother Kevin (above) who has been a professional with Bristol City since January, 1976. Kevin, also a midfielder or a striker, was included in England's Under-21 squad last term.

Forced

So young Gary has plenty to live up to. A former Bristol and Avon schools player, he has been included in the England Youth squad this year and, in fact, forced his way into the Rovers Second Division side for his debut at Burnley last December.

Bristol-born Gary has been busy off the field, too. He has been spending one day a week at college doing a business studies course.

DID YOU MISS YOUR FREE GIFT LAST WEEK?

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Peter Stewart

Editor

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IAN McKECHNIE, the former Arsenal, Hull City and Southampton 'keeper, is the new manager of Sligo Rovers. He replaces another Scot, Billy Sinclair.

ONE of the great successes in Scotland last season was Hibs' young and talented striker Colin Campbell, who played so well in the Scottish Cup Final saga against Rangers. Now Hibs are hoping that lightning will strike twice in the same place with the same reward... they have signed Colin's former team-mate Derek Rodier, 20, from Edinburgh University. Looks like they are putting brain before brawn down Edinburgh way!

OH, I do like to be beside the seaside! Centre-half Forbes Phillipson-Masters could well make that his theme tune. Bournemouth-born, he recently moved from Southampton to Plymouth and also had a loan spell at Bournemouth. Exeter and Luton have been other clubs who have had the 23-year-old defender on loan.

He actually started out as a goalkeeper and it was on the advice of Saints' coach John McGrath that he switched to centre-half.

THE European Cup! The League Championship! The F.A. Cup! the trophies 91 League clubs dream of winning and Liverpool expect to win. Such is the immense pressure on the reigning Champions as the curtain comes up on another season and rival clubs look for signs of a crack in the Anfield armour.

Quite simply, Liverpool is the most dominant club in the history of League football. And they have achieved this status in an era of fierce competition, big money incentives and exhausting fixture lists.

Liverpool's players live and breathe in a cauldron of challenge, demands and repeated triumphs. With so much already won, the

that always threatens to come out on top.

With every goal and every trophy, Dalglish and Liverpool have to live with the reality that every club in the League is gunning for them, determined to bring them down off their pedestal.

But he does not see the situation in this light. He says: "We are essentially a team. No single player is more important than another. We know our strengths and work hard to make the most of them. So by working for each other we establish a good pattern of play. It is not up to me to discuss other teams. I only think of them when we play them — one at a time."

At a time when people moan

— believes in Dalglish and his ability to eventually lead Scotland to international success.

All of which he takes in his stride: "I felt sorry for Willie Ormond because I had a bad World Cup in 1974. The man kept faith in me but I was unable to lift my game in West Germany.

"Argentina has been discussed so much that it hardly requires my

comments. The future is all that matters, and with Jock Stein it looks to be a good future."

So does Liverpool's as Dalglish prepares for his third season at Anfield and one in which he confidently expects to be among a select few players to collect a treble of major honours — European Cup, League Championship, and F.A. Cup!

Why KENNY DALGLISH is the most dangerous player in England

question asked concerns the ability of these players to sustain their hunger and drive for success.

Of all the Liverpool players, Kenny Dalglish stands out as the man who comes under the most severe pressure of all. Ironically, most of the pressure is of his own making because the gifted young Glaswegian has set himself astonishing standards to maintain.

As Liverpool prepare to recapture the European Cup from Nottingham Forest — a feat that would keep the trophy in England for a fourth consecutive year — and stretch their record number of League titles to 12, Dalglish faces up to being the most marked forward in the country. He's certainly the most dangerous, as his statistics prove.

He has long since replaced Kevin Keegan in the hearts of the fanatical Koppites and more than proved his worth following his £440,000 transfer from Celtic two years ago. With pace, power, balance, skill, vision and deadly finishing power, Dalglish is as close as it is possible to get to the ideal forward.

Yet unlike so many other great forwards, he is quiet, modest and reluctant to even discuss his own merits.

This depth of character makes Dalglish the special player he is. And as he says: "I do not believe in pressure as such. I go out and do my best in every game and nobody can do better than that."

This philosophy enables Scotland's international appearance record-holder to maintain a low boiling point, even when subjected to physical intimidation. Dalglish is a defender's nightmare because his inner discipline creates a cool, unruffled and disquieting exterior

about the lack of superstar quality in the League, Dalglish is living proof that such an allegation is untrue. His record for Celtic, his only other club, is staggering. Dalglish scored 112 goals in 202 League games and those figures exclude the wealth of Scottish Cup and Scottish League Cup goals he scored during the Parkhead club's rampage through the honours.

In his first season for Liverpool, Dalglish scored no fewer than 30 goals and goal number 30 won the European Cup at Wembley at the expense of dreary, weary Belgian Champions Bruges.

Shambles

Last season, as Liverpool swept to their 11th title (a seemingly uncatchable record) Dalglish shook off the bitter disappointments of a 1978 World Cup shambles in Argentina to lead the charge. While the majority of his Scotland squad colleagues showed signs of staleness and battle-fatigue, Dalglish scored 25 goals.

He also survived some acidic attacks from those critics who suggest that his international performances rarely live up to those he puts on for Liverpool.

Scotland manager Jock Stein, like those national managers before him — Tommy Docherty, Willie Ormond and Ally MacLeod





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**Viv
Anderson**

Nottingham Forest and England defender Viv Anderson has joined the SHOOT team. He kicks off the first of his fortnightly columns here.

'I cried when Man. United turned me down'

WHEN I sit down and think back on the last 16 months I can't really believe all the incredible success I've had.

I'm almost afraid I'll wake up one morning and discover it's all been a dream.

A League Championship and League Cup double triumph in the 1977-78 season... the honour of being England's first black full international against Czechoslovakia at Wembley in November, 1978... a European Cup winners medal in May, 1979... and now I'm making my debut as one of SHOOT'S famous team of columnists.

I might be new to this writing game, but I'm certainly no stranger to the magazine. I've appeared in SHOOT quite a few times and have read it since I was a schoolboy.

After meeting new Editor Peter Stewart at the City Ground, Nottingham, a couple of weeks ago I drove home and sat down with pen and paper, eager to start my journalistic career. And I sat... and sat... and sat for hours wondering how the heck I could begin.

Next day after training I had a chat with Peter Shilton, who advised me to telephone his England rival, but close friend, Ray Clemence — a SHOOT veteran.

Clem was most helpful and told me to do the simple thing — just introduce myself to you readers. So here goes...

I'm 23-years-old, drive a Fiat

Super Mirafiori and am unmarried — girls, please note — and was born and raised in Nottingham.

At the moment I'm still living with my mum and dad, but have decided it's time I gained my independence.

I'll be leaving home shortly to move to a small village just outside Nottingham where I recently bought a house.

Mind you, I had to move. Dad, a security guard at the same hospital where my mum's a nurse, has hinted more than once that either I, or my football trophies, would have to go. There isn't room for both of us.

The sitting room is full of my medals and souvenirs collected

ion pieces when a United scout took me aside one afternoon and told me I wasn't good enough.

It was a bombshell. I went home and cried... and cried.

My mum made me pull myself together and told me I wouldn't get anywhere by sitting still and feeling sorry for myself. I had to start all over again and prove myself.

I suddenly realised I had to get a job, so I went off to work as an apprentice printer. I still played football, of course, for a local amateur club, Attenborough Colts.

A year or so later, a Nottingham Forest scout, Ernie Roberts, invited me along to the City Ground. I didn't need asking twice.

Matt Gillies was the manager at the time, but he was soon replaced by Dave Mackay, the man who really got my career off the ground.

Shortly after signing for Forest the tough, battle-scarred Scot gave me my first real taste of big-time football when he played me in the first team in a pre-season friendly at Walsall. Forest won 3-1.

The next day Dave Mackay blooded a second young hopeful at Lincoln. His name? Tony Woodcock. But Woody wasn't as pleased with his performance as I had been. Forest lost 3-2.

Davy Mackay wasn't with the club when I made my League debut in a

since I won my first trophy at school.

Seriously, I can't thank my parents enough for all the encouragement they have given me over the years, especially the time when it didn't look as though I was going to make the grade.

After playing for my school, Sairham Comprehensive, and winning County and Nottingham Boys honours, I was asked to report to Sheffield United for a trial.

Trial! I played one game and was told not to bother to return!

It didn't worry me to tell you the truth because Manchester United — the team I had supported and dreamed of playing for ever since I could walk — had also invited me to Old Trafford to train during my school holidays.

I was 15 at the time and went there on and off for about a year.

I never got to know the likes of George Best, Bobby Charlton and Denis Law, but seeing them train, being near them and having a cup of tea in the same canteen at The Cliff training ground was enough.

As you can imagine I was overwhelmed by it all — a little boy lost. I was living a dream.

That dream shattered into a mill-



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Bill Slater

I'd like to know something about Bill Slater, who was 'Footballer of the Year' in 1959-60.

PER-OLEF EURELL,
SWEDEN

Slater was a bit of an 'oddy' in modern British football. Per Olef, in that he didn't turn professional until the comparatively advanced age of 26 — having, by then, earned 19 English amateur caps, and represented Britain in the 1952 Olympic Games.

Even after being persuaded to turn professional with Wolves — he'd earlier played League soccer, as an amateur, with Blackpool and Brentford — he still preferred to remain a part-timer, combining with his position as lecturer at Birmingham University.

But Bill Slater then played a big part in Wolves' successes of the era — picking up League Championship medals in 1953-54, 1957-58, and 1958-59; and an F.A. Cup winners' medal in 1959-60. (He'd earlier gained an F.A. Cup runners-up medal, with Blackpool, in 1950-51).

Added to which — after switching from inside forward to wing-half — he gained 12 full international caps for England.

His daughter, Barbara, has in recent times also hit the sporting headlines as a leading British gymnast.

United/ Anderlecht

I've got hold of an old programme for a European Cup-tie between Manchester

United and Anderlecht at Old Trafford on 13th November, 1968 — and would like to know the score and scorers?

JEREMY KERSHAW,
NEW ZEALAND

It was 3-0 to United, Jeremy — with two goals coming from Denis Law, and another from Brian Kidd.

The Belgians won 3-1 in Brussels a fortnight later — but United (then European Cup holders) got through 4-3 on aggregate, and went on to reach the Semi-Final.

Incidentally, it was against Anderlecht — in another European Cup-tie twelve years earlier — that United recorded their best-ever victory of 10-0.

"Sailor" Brown

While on holiday in Cornwall, I met a former footballer named 'Sailor'



GEORGE BEST

3-2 Second Division victory at home to Sheffield Wednesday in September, 1974, shortly after signing full professional forms.

I'll never forget my second game for Forest, either. A League Cup-tie against the then mighty Newcastle United at St. James' Park.

Nervous? I was terrified at the prospect of playing a big Cup-tie on one of the most famous grounds in the game in front of thousands of soccer-mad Geordies.

They gave me and the team a right roasting and it was no real surprise when Forest went down 3-1.

I was in and out of the side for a couple of seasons, never really establishing myself until our promotion-winning campaign of 1976-77.

In fact, I never looked like getting anywhere in a team struggling for its Second Division existence until Brian Clough took over from Allan Brown in January, 1975.

That man and Peter Taylor really brought me on as a footballer. They changed my whole life, on and off the field.

I was a little afraid of the boss at first, and still am a bit wary of him. But I dread to think where I, and

Forest, would be today without his influence.

Brian Clough has this special talent of bringing the best out of players, using their strengths. Mr Clough is a perfectionist, a man who will never be content until he's established Forest as the very best team in Europe with a stadium to match.

Since he and Peter Taylor took over, the football world has opened up for me and the club. There is no limit to what we can achieve.

But, as Mr Clough has always impressed upon us, we can't afford to let fame go to our heads. I've got to keep my feet firmly on the ground.

As I look at it, I'm an ordinary lad doing a good job. I'm nothing special.

People still want to talk about me being the first black full England international.

While it's great being the first at anything, I'd be just as proud to play for my country whatever my colour.

Anyhow, I don't regard myself as an accomplished international yet . . . I've much to learn and a long way to go.

Naturally, I want to win more England caps, but my immediate aims for this season are to help Forest regain the Championship from Liverpool and retain the European Cup.

Mind you, that's if I can get into the team. There are so many great players at Forest now everyone is jockeying for positions. We're almost running out of space in the dressing-room.

Before I run out of space in SHOOT I'll follow another piece of Ray Clemence advice and close with a mention of our match this Saturday (August 25th) against Coventry City at the City Ground.

Many of the pools' experts are tipping Forest as a home banker but there's no way we will underestimate The Sky Blues.

These early games are all tough as teams go all out to get points in the bag. Besides, Coventry are a good side and capable of upsetting the form book.

Well, that's column number one in the bag. I hope you enjoyed it, whether you are a Forest supporter or not. See you in a fortnight . . .

VIV'S ENGLAND DEBUT



Brown. Can you tell me anything about him?

MARTIN SMITH,
STEVENAGE

● Well, Martin, Brown — he was actually christened Albert, but was always "Sailor" to the fans — played at inside-right when they were beaten 4-1 at Wembley by Derby County in the first post-War F.A. Cup Final in April, 1946.

Signed from non-League Gorleston, he played First Division football for Charlton just before the War — but, when it broke out in 1939, it cut six full professional years out of his football life.

"Sailor" played in several Wartime and "Victory" games for England — but, unfortunately for him, these don't count in the full international records.

He also missed-out on an F.A. Cup-winners medal in 1947 — Charlton getting to Wembley in successive years —

as he was transferred to Nottingham Forest between the two Finals.

Goal Milestone

Who were the two players who scored their 200th League goal at exactly the same age?

TERRY SMITH,
HEREFORD.

● A couple of real good 'uns, Terry — "Dixie" Dean before the last War, and Jimmy Greaves after it.

Greaves had already become the Football League's youngest "centurion" when he slotted in his 100th goal at the tender age of 20 years and nine months.

Then Jimmy scored his 200th League goal in December, 1963 at exactly the same age as had done "Dixie" — 23 years and 290 days.

SHORT PASSES

● Nottingham Forest's manager before Brian Clough was Allan Brown.

(RICHARD HOWE, Nottingham)

● In a home F.A. Cup Fourth Round tie in February, 1960, Crewe held Spurs to a 2-2 draw — but were beaten 13-2 in the replay.

(STUART GILLESPIE, Banbury)

● In 1937-38, Manchester City were the First Division's top scorers with 80 goals — but still got relegated.

(PAUL WAKEFIELD, Sheffield)

● Arsenal manager when they gained the League and F.A. Cup "Double" in 1970-71 was Bertie Mee.

(ANDREW LYNERS, South Africa)

● Spurs became the first British club to win one of the modern "Big Three" Euro competitions when they beat Atletico Madrid 5-1 in the Cup-Winners' Cup Final in May, 1963.

(CHRISTOPHER WALL, Droitwich)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

FROM the first training session at Wolverhampton Wanderers things began to buzz. "Everybody seems to have their tails up and are wanting to do well," says Kenny Hibbitt. "Last season everybody was a little scared. Now we're keen to get on with the job."

"There's that little bit of electricity in the air. I've never known practice matches to be so competitive."

"We're hoping to start the new campaign where we left off. The important thing about it is that everybody wants to get into the first team, and that's a good sign at this stage in the season. We're all optimistic that the team can do very well, and our hopes are that we can finish in the top six."

"I can see no reason why we

Barker arrived. They transformed everything. We went from strength to strength in the end. It was a pity that the season had to close because we were enjoying it so much."

"But now we want to get back to it and to get back to the basics and the hard work."

"We're hoping that when we play the smaller clubs like Ipswich, Norwich and Southampton, that we can still turn it on as we did against the might of Liverpool, Nottingham Forest and West Brom last term."

"That's going to be the biggest problem that the management will have on their hands — to keep us concentrating on winning and working no matter who the team is."

"I reckon I can count on one hand the teams which could cause us problems. But there's no two ways about it, we'll have to work very hard. Perhaps we're fortunate in that respect because we've got the type of players who are prepared to graft."

"We know that it's going to be a very hard season for us. Yet we had a tough time during the last five months of the last campaign. In fact, they were the hardest five months that I've ever played football in, but we came through with flying colours."

"To be successful you've got to turn it on over 42 games as Liverpool do. The new management team will make sure that we take a leaf out of the Anfield book. We haven't had this at Wolves before

and I think it's great."

"And don't forget we've now got former Liverpool skipper Emlyn Hughes at Wolves. His drive and enthusiasm should rub off on us all."

"Barnwell and Barker are absolute magic. They're good for me personally and they're good for the team, the players and the club. If we fail it won't be for the lack of effort."

"I can assure SHOOT readers that teams will be looking at their fixture lists, and when they see either Wolves home or away, they'll be thinking, 'Hello, here's a tough one.' In the previous two seasons they've been thinking, well, here's an easy game."

"They'll begin to take notice again as they did five years ago."

'Teams will be afraid of Wolves again' promises KENNY HIBBITT

shouldn't achieve just that. We're hoping to gain a place in Europe again and to put some silverware on the mantelpiece. I know it may seem a little strange for me to be talking like this after our struggles of last season, and people are bound to say, 'He must be dreaming at Molineux.' I feel that we can achieve something, barring injuries and given the right amount of luck."

"We proved it towards the back end of last season and we can do it again this time round. What we've got to do is to take every game by the scruff of its neck and treat it as though it was a vital Cup-tie like we did last year when we were at the bottom and needed a point a game for survival."

"We only had seven points from 15 matches. I thought we were doomed and I couldn't see where we were going to pick up our next point."

"Then John Barnwell and Richie

"We seem to be a side that can do it when the occasion demands. Yet when a game comes along where you can relax a little bit, then we take it easy instead of going out and giving them a real good hiding."

Kenny Hibbitt (right) — "We can finish in top six."

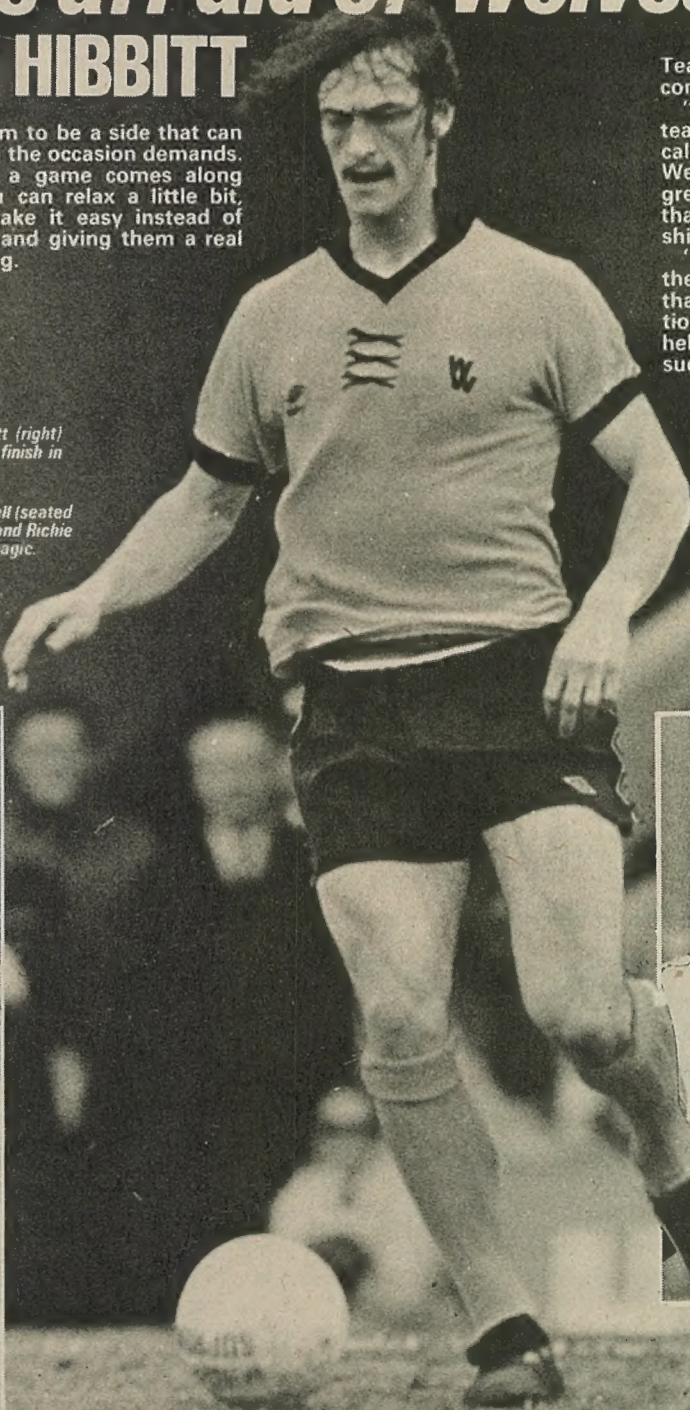
John Barnwell (seated below left) and Richie Barker are magic.

Teams used to be scared stiff of coming to Molineux.

"Our ambition is to become the team that everyone used to know, called Wolverhampton Wanderers. We're trying to re-establish that great name from the great teams that used to wear the old gold shirts."

"The club themselves are doing their utmost as the new stand that's being put up nears completion. Now it's up to the players to help that scheme along and to be successful on the field."

Emlyn Hughes (below) Wolves' new captain.





Nottingham Forest (dark strip) hope to emulate Liverpool and capture the European Cup again this season.

Dates to look out for in 1979-80

F.A. CUP

Nov 24 — First Round
Dec 15 — Second Round
Jan 5 — Third Round
Jan 26 — Fourth Round
Feb 16 — Fifth Round
Mar 8 — Sixth Round
Apr 12 — Semi-Finals
May 10 — FINAL

LEAGUE CUP

Aug 29 — Second Round first-leg
Sept 5 — Second Round second-leg
Sept 26 — Third Round
Oct 31 — Fourth Round
Dec 5 — Fifth Round
Jan 16 — Semi-Finals first-leg
Feb 13 — Semi-Finals second-leg
Mar 15 — FINAL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Sept 12 — England v. Denmark
Oct 17 — Eire v. Bulgaria
Northern Ireland v. England
Scotland v. Austria
West Germany v. Wales
Nov 21 — England v. Bulgaria
Northern Ireland v. Eire
Belgium v. Scotland
Turkey v. Wales
Dec 19 — Scotland v. Belgium
Feb 6 — England v. Eire
Scotland v. Portugal

The Championship Finals will be played on June 11, 12, 14, 15, 18 and 19 with the Third and Fourth place play-off on 21 and the Final on 22.

EUROPEAN CUP

Sept 19 — First Round first-leg
Oct 3 — First Round second-leg
Oct 24 — Second Round first-leg
Nov 7 — Second Round second-leg
Mar 5 — Quarter-Finals first-leg
Mar 19 — Quarter-Finals second-leg
Apr 9 — Semi-Finals first-leg
Apr 23 — Semi-Finals second-leg
May 28 — FINAL

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Sept 19 — First Round first-leg

Oct 3 — First Round second-leg
Oct 24 — Second Round first-leg
Nov 7 — Second Round second-leg
Mar 5 — Quarter-Finals first-leg
Mar 19 — Quarter-Finals second-leg
Apr 9 — Semi-Finals first-leg
Apr 23 — Semi-Finals second-leg
May 14 — FINAL

U.E.F.A. CUP

Sept 19 — First Round first-leg
Oct 3 — First Round second-leg
Oct 24 — Second Round first-leg
Nov 7 — Second Round second-leg
Nov 28 — Third Round first-leg
Dec 12 — Third Round second-leg
Mar 5 — Quarter-Finals first-leg
Mar 19 — Quarter-Finals second-leg
Apr 9 — Semi-Finals first-leg
Apr 23 — Semi-Finals second-leg
May 7 — FINAL — first-leg
May 21 — FINAL — second-leg

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

May 17 — Wales v. England
Northern Ireland v. Scotland
May 20 — England v. Northern Ireland
May 21 — Scotland v. Wales
May 23 — Wales v. Northern Ireland
May 24 — Scotland v. England

F.A. CHALLENGE TROPHY

May 17 — FINAL

F.A. CHALLENGE VASE

Apr 26 — FINAL

SCOTTISH CUP

Dec 15 — First Round
Jan 5 — Second Round
Jan 26 — Third Round
Feb 16 — Fourth Round
Mar 8 — Fifth Round
Apr 12 — Semi-Finals
May 10 — FINAL

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Aug 29 — Second Round first-leg
Sept 1 — Second Round second-leg

(Following rounds — dates to be decided)

FOUR years ago Queens Park Rangers finished runners-up to Liverpool in the race for the First Division Championship. Since then the Loftus Road club has tottered on the brink of relegation before finally dropping to the Second Division at the end of last season.

"I think it's a good thing the club did go down," says Ian Gillard, the 28-year-old left-back.

"It didn't seem like that at the time, because when you're struggling and finally relegated, then it's not very nice.

"Over the past two seasons we have been fighting and we've always been at the foot of the table, but I'm looking forward to the new campaign. I haven't played in the Second Division for a long time. We're just hoping we can get off to a good start and I think we could surprise a few people.

"Tommy Docherty, the new boss, has told us what he expects and, if we don't live up to his



WHY GILLARD IS GLAD Q.P.R. WENT DOWN

expectation, then he'll have to do something about it. You can't be fairer than that. At least we know where we stand."

Ian thinks the club is in with a real chance of bouncing straight back up. "There's a better atmosphere at Loftus Road," he says, "and there's plenty of spirit and determination. I feel that we need to add one or two players to the first team squad, because a good pool is vital to go up. It's a hard Division and I think we've got to have the right attitude to the games which, in all honesty, has been lacking.

"I don't think it's true to say we are a yo-yo side. I think it's been circumstances which have been happening over the past two or three seasons where players, managers and even coaches have been coming and going.

"Over the past two years we've had a lot of players of very good calibre and our downfall has more to do with attitude than anything else. This is why teams like Liverpool and Nottingham Forest are always consistent, because their attitude of mind is right. They go out to win, which hasn't been the case at Loftus Road.

"In Tommy Docherty we've got the right man to change all that. He'll give us the incentive we need.

"There are a lot of youngsters coming through at Q.P.R. and they've a great deal of potential. I don't know what size squad the boss has in mind, but having seen them, it's a good opportunity to blood them. They can make a mark for themselves in the Second Division."

Ian, born in Hammersmith and a product of the club's youth scheme, made his debut against Nottingham Forest at Loftus Road on November 23rd, 1968.

"Funnily enough, it was Tommy Docherty who gave me my debut

when he was manager for three weeks. He came along and put me straight into the first team.

"My best moment was when we came so close to winning the Championship in 1975/76. I think a lot of people agreed at the time that we were the best footballing side in the Division. We did really well that season. I think we were robbed, but Liverpool just kept going and going and going. In the end we failed by one point. It was also a big thrill to win my four England caps.

"Chris Woods has arrived from Nottingham Forest and we're expecting big things from him. He's only 19 and I think he will grasp the opportunity to show his calibre of goalkeeping. From what I've seen of him I think he'll do well. He's a big lad and willing to learn; he's a very good buy for the club.

"Then The Doc pulled a master stroke and persuaded England international Tony Currie to join us. If players like him are willing to sign then there is definite hopes for this term.

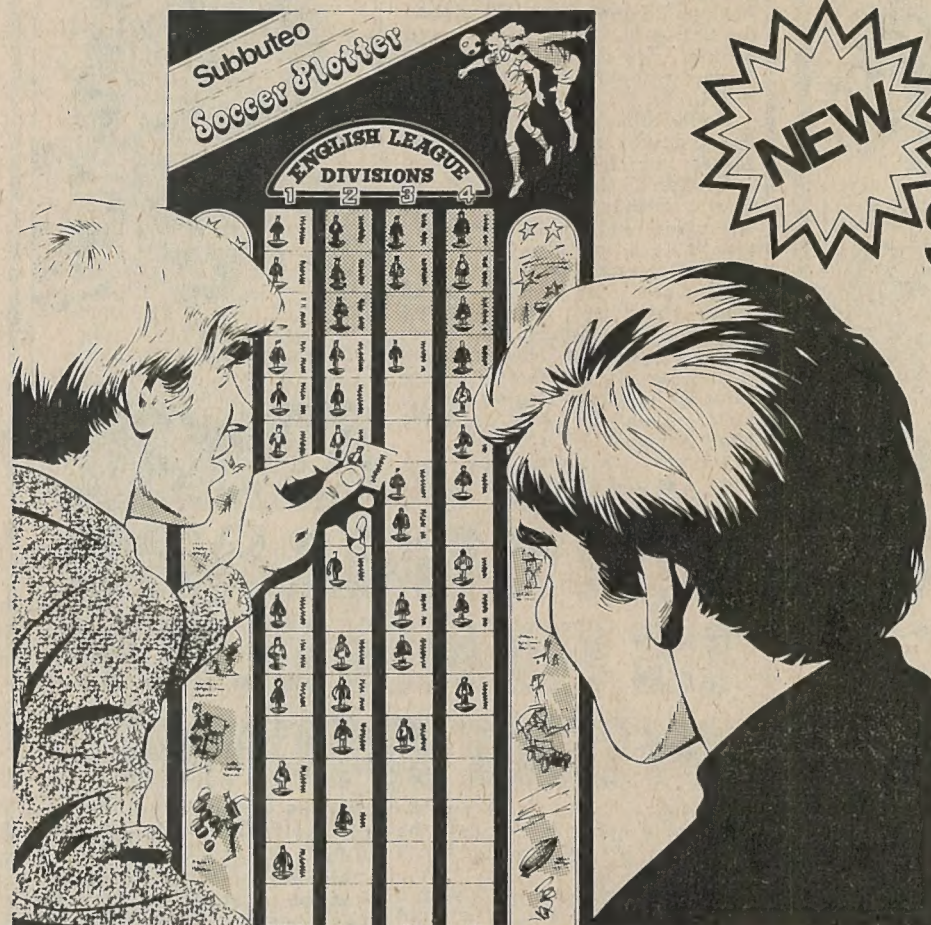
"Over the next few weeks Tommy Docherty will sort things out teamwise. We haven't really got a right-back after selling Dave Clement to Bolton.

"I think a few things will change now with the new boss. He drives enthusiasm into you. It all depends on what he and Ken Shellito have lined-up.

"I feel we're really going to have a chance this season and, as I say, probably shock a few people. I'm expecting big things from the youngsters as well. I'm the most senior player here at the moment and we have to rely on the younger lads. It's a marvellous opportunity for them to make a name for themselves and, hopefully, push us back into the First Division."

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CAPPILOW PARK, Morton's trim, little ground that acts as a stage for Andy Ritchie to perform his match day wizardry, will never compare with Hampden.

It's a modest ground in a modest setting. It's almost beyond the imagination to envisage Juventus, AC Milan, Ajax, Bayern Munich turning up to play a vital European tie. Real Madrid? With their heritage? Don't be ridiculous!

The name Cappielow hardly thunders around Europe striking awe into the very heart of the listener. But that same homely little ground of a club that welcomes everyone with open arms and an equally open smile is a visiting place no Scottish team relishes.

Cappielow takes on a new meaning for the likes of Celtic and Rangers. The Old Firm both faltered there last season as did Aberdeen, Dundee United, Hibs and others. Morton, to be precise, revel on their own surface, their own patch.

Outside Greenock, Morton are just a plain side. Within their own walls they are a club to be reckoned with; a REAL force. They are Morton, proud and bold; swift and sure; courageous and splendid.

Morton, in the past, have had a reputation for bringing on players with an eye for wheeling and dealing in the transfer market and eventually selling to the highest bidders.

Erik and Jorn Sorenson and Kai Johansen were all sold to Rangers in the '60s. There has been a steady stream of talented players not so much trickling but overflowing out of Cappielow over the years.

Mark McGhee went to Newcastle for £150,000 last season and before him Joe Jordan to Leeds United and Neil McNab to Spurs. Morton, as you can see, never seem too intent on hanging on to their talent.

Football to them is all about survival and in order to stay alive a club needs a steady transfusion of

cash. It's okay to be ambitious, but what's the point if the club folds leaving all sorts of superb individuals out of a job?

Morton are ambitious. Hal Stewart, their supremo, has played his cards with craft, shrewd ease. Benny Rooney, the manager, is a realist. Morton are now in a position where they can turn down bids of over £100,000 for Andy Ritchie and Bobby Thompson.

They have lived with and learned from the big boys in soccer. They have done their homework and anyone connected with the club takes exception when they are dismissed without a good sound argument.

It's a birth of the blues at Cappielow. They are a club in search of an identity.

"Oldham were fairly persistent in their bids for Thompson," says manager Rooney, whose intelligence in the transfer market brought the utility player to Morton for only £10,000 plus a reserve team full-back, Tom McNeill.

"They asked about him last season after we had played against them in the Anglo/Scottish Cup. Clearly they were impressed by the boy who had an outstanding match at Cappielow when we beat them 3-0.

Rejection

"Their first bid was in the region of £70,000. They was swiftly turned down. They tried again and upped the figure. They were told 'No deal' again."

Oldham obviously were in no mood to take a rejection — possibly they had heard about Morton's past reputation — and before the start of the current season they made a solid offer of £130,000. Again, in keeping with Morton's refreshing new policy, they were politely told 'No thanks'.

If — or when — Morton do decide to sell Thompson or Andy Ritchie or any of their wonderful youngsters such as Neil Orr or John McNeill they will do so when they are ready and willing. They will not be pressurised into selling. No longer does a cheque of £100,000 carry much weight around Cappielow.

Morton, the Little Big Men, are growing up. It's a good thing for Scottish football and their fans.

Unless the club has a vast windfall, Cappielow is likely to remain a tight ground with limited facilities. But if the team keeps making progress where it matters — out on the pitch — and the management continue to run things sensibly off the park then there could be a day when the likes of Juventus, AC Milan, Ajax and Bayern Munich will be asked to take their skills to Cappielow. Yes, even Real Madrid.

Celtic and Rangers will be among the first to let them know that they are in for a real game. Morton are now the mouse that learned to roar...



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This week's Star Letter comes from David Knott of Great Barr, Birmingham, who wins our special prize of £5. He writes:

GOOD RIDDANCE CUNNINGHAM

LAURIE Cunningham has left West Brom for fame and fortune and most Hawthorns fans must be saying "good riddance".

After West Brom had made him a star, you'd have thought the least he could have done was be grateful.

After having the cheek to turn up in Spain to finalise the deal with Real Madrid he then, after the transfer, made it known to the public his feelings towards the Albion clear by running the club down. His love for football was doubled by his love for money.

West Brom have a much better replacement in Peter Barnes. It wouldn't surprise me if he keeps Cunningham out of the England side.

● Don't knock Laurie. A player's career is brief. He must make the most of the opportunities available. But I agree with you, Barnes is a great replacement.

Spoilt Flanagan

AT last the Mike Flanagan saga is over. I felt sorry for the player when it started and felt the club was partly to blame.

Since then I've changed my opinion. Flanagan has acted like a spoilt baby.

Charlton manager Andy Nelson has done his utmost to get Flanagan settled, and I'm glad for his sake that Flanagan has joined Crystal Palace.

The final straw came when Flanagan announced that he will score more goals at Selhurst Park because he will be playing with better players.

How must his old team-mates feel? If it hadn't been for some of those players, he wouldn't have been where he is today.

It's about time he grew up, and shut up.

BETTY HUTCHINS, SYDENHAM, LONDON S.E.26.

● Charlton have received their fee, reported at £720,000, and Mike has got the transfer he wanted. The whole affair seems to go a lot deeper than has been reported. Let's leave it at that for the moment and wish them both success this season.

Swans Deserve A Medal

I'M no supporter of Swansea City — I'm a Cardiff City supporter — but I hate to see the Welsh forgotten.

When Watford clinched promotion to the Second Division, people said "Watford, what a team!"

Hardly anyone noticed Swansea's success in winning the Third Division title last season.

In 1977-78 Swansea suffered a severe setback when their manager, Harry Griffiths, died. He was their inspiration but they put the tragic death of a man whom they admired and respected behind them.

Then came John Toshack, who turned out to be the perfect replacement.

Now, people will realise The Swans deserve just as much praise as Watford received.

ANDREW MURPHY, MOUNTAIN ASH, S. WALES.

● We will be featuring Swansea's Ian Callaghan in **SHOOT** next week.

No Place For Halifax ...

IAM appalled that the Football League don't insist on automatic relegation from the Fourth Division, and direct promotion from non-League Divisions.

Isn't it about time the men in power realised there is no place in professional football for clubs like Halifax, Doncaster, and Crewe for example.

Why can't the League take notice of clubs like Hereford, Cambridge, Wimbledon and Wigan, who have done well after winning election to the League.

Surely football fans everywhere want to see new, exciting teams bubbling with enthusiasm, rather than dreary so-called football outfits?

DAVID BAKER, STROUD, GLOUCS.

● I don't agree with your examples, they're clubs on the UP. But the principle you make is sound in its conception.

Busby Babes Best

I WAS interested to read the article in *World Wide* which said Santos were the best-ever team, according to an Argentinian soccer magazine. The Busby Babes were placed 31st, receiving just three votes. Obviously the voting was biased in favour of South American clubs, but in my opinion no team will ever be fit to tie the laces of Manchester United's pre-Munich side and that includes Real Madrid and Liverpool.

RAYMOND FORTE, PRESTON.

● They probably hadn't as Transatlantic clashes were infrequent in those days. We shall, sadly, never know how good that United team would have become and that must be the biggest tragedy ever in British football.

**'SCOTLAND
WOULD WELCOME
ANOTHER**

VIKING INVASION'

IT ALL started in the early Sixties with Morton. The Greenock club seemingly passing time in death row were suddenly given a reprieve and became one of the most exciting clubs in the land thanks to the magic wand of Hal Stewart.

But it wasn't the enigmatic Hal himself who was out there playing the football which sent Morton soaring up the Divisions.

To back up his excellent team of home players, Hal started the Nordic invasion with a posse of Scandinavian players who became firm favourites with the Scottish fans.

The first was Erik Sorenson who was later to become Morton manager and Hal Stewart, who could have made a million in showbusiness, billed him as the mystery man who would play in all black.

Goalkeeper Sorenson was a sensation and he blazed a path which was taken by Kai Johansen, Jorn Sorenson, Orjan Persson and Ice-lander 'Tottie' Beck.

Since then of course Scottish football has always welcomed foreign players and we at Celtic have big Johannes Edvaldsson.

Sensation

Last year Morton again showed the way by bringing over Dave Bric from America and the lad was a sensation.

Hibs signed two Norwegians but had to let them go because of a wrangle over work permits.

So Spurs were starting nothing new when they kicked off the England import craze with Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa.

And now my own club Celtic are on the lookout again. Our manager, Billy McNeill, has been over in Finland and Denmark watching players and he won't be averse to signing a Viking or two when he feels the



Erik Sorenson



Johannes Edvaldsson

time is right.

Aberdeen manager Alex Ferguson too has declared his interest in a player from Randers, a side The Dons played on their pre-season summer tour.

I for one think it is great to see these players coming over and I certainly do not see any case for limiting their numbers either per club or in total.

Obviously England's superior wealth is a bigger attraction to foreign players than Scotland; but the Scandinavian players know how big a welcome they get from Scottish crowds.

But there is a built-in handicap which will act as an automatic limit on the number of foreign players

coming into our game . . . and that is language.

The Danes probably fit in well to Scotland because the weather cannot be so unlike their own, but it must be bad enough trying to pick up everyday English without mastering football terms.

I wonder what Danish for "pick up the spare man at the far post" is!

One thing that the English players do have up on us Scots is the exodus in the other direction. While Kevin Keegan and Dave Watson go to West Germany and Laurie Cunningham heads for Spain, Scots players don't seem to get much further than Liverpool, Bristol and Ipswich.

Duncan Lambie went to Germany

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Talk**
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and returned soon afterwards and apart from a few of the lads playing in America, that is about it.

Derek Parlane nearly made the trip to France to sign for Olympique Marseilles, but apparently after they had agreed terms and a £150,000 fee with Rangers the French side bought Tunisian World Cup winger Temime and the deal fell through.

Still, while I am all for any player getting the most he possibly can out of the game, I am not all that disappointed when foreign and English sides fail to come for our lads. It can only mean that there are more big names on the home front.

Talking of Scotland's relationship with foreign football, I am delighted to see that Peru are coming to Hampden for a friendly next month (September).

The Peruvians of course are the team who started the nightmare of Argentina. They defeated us in the first game of last year's World Cup Finals although we scored first and missed a penalty.

It will be a great chance to get some revenge for that one. And as for my own chances of getting into the Scotland line-up again, I will just have to keep playing away and see what happens.

This time last year I was out of the game and some people were saying I would never play again. They were probably the same ones who said Celtic had no chance of winning the League!

How about the same predictions again this year lads!

This Saturday Celtic are at home to newly-promoted Kilmarnock. This is a match we should win but Killie are in the right mood to spring a surprise or two this season.

Danny McGrain

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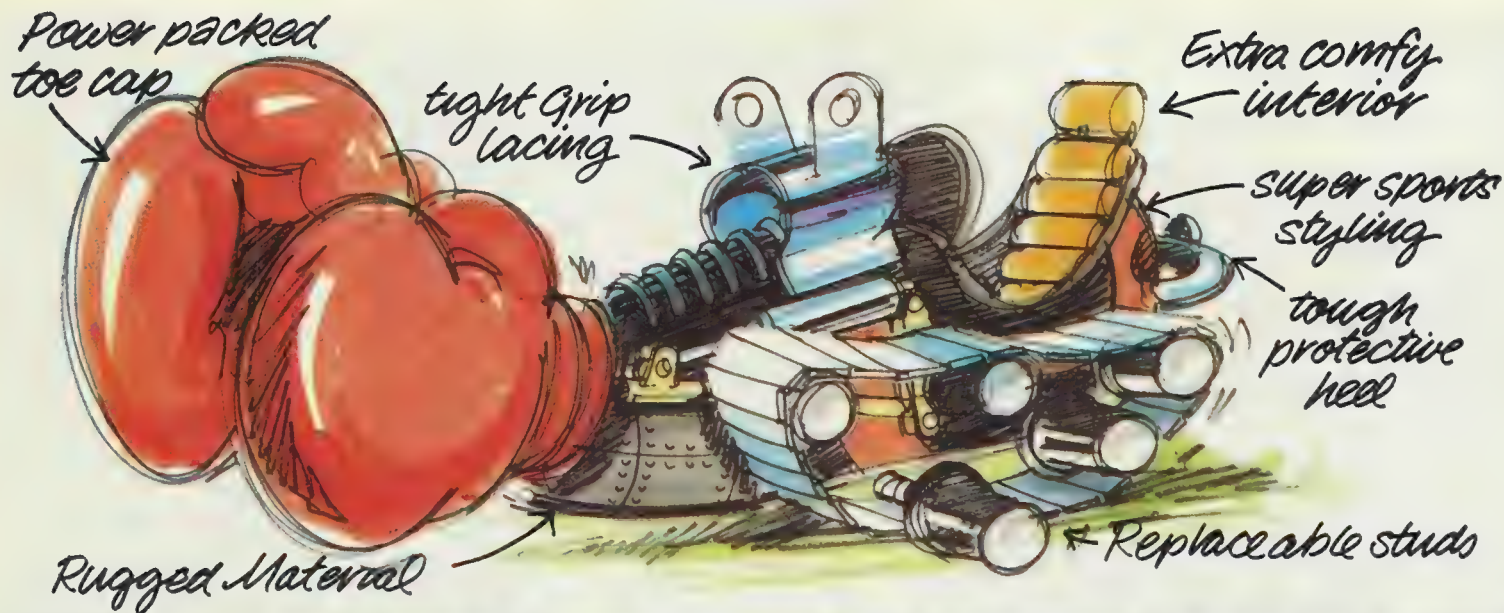
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Two youngsters destined to make an impact in the First Division this season.

'Palace aiming for the top'

— VINCE HILAIRE

CRYSTAL Palace aim to take the First Division by storm, just as Nottingham Forest did two years ago. There are similarities between the two sides: both are built on a strong defence without being defensive, and both have attacking players of exciting skill.

Leading the Palace set is Vince Hilaire, their 19-year-old black midfielder/winger, who says: "Our ambition is not to consolidate, we're aiming for the top. If you go for the title and finish just below... well, it's not too bad. If you aim for a 'safe' position and fall below it, you could be in trouble."

"A year ago, our manager Terry Venables thought it may take us two seasons to go up, but we matured and improved quicker than even he guessed."

'Punished'

"Promotion sunk in three or four days after we'd clinched the title by beating Burnley. We were on tour in America and the lads started to talk about playing at Old Trafford and Anfield."

"We shan't be overawed because quite frankly we don't know what to expect. We've done well against First Division sides in the Cups, although we learnt you can't get away with many mistakes at that level. They are quickly punished."

When Palace were last in the First Division Vince was 13 and a West Ham fan.

"All I can remember are two matches; when Palace beat Manchester United 5-0 and when Don Rogers made his debut, against Everton, I think. Palace were the farthest thing from my mind then, living so near Upton Park. As soon as I came to Selhurst Park as a schoolboy, though, I knew they were the club for me."

Hilaire established himself in the Palace side as they swept to promotion and television viewers have been treated to his silky skills as he weaves his way through defences.

Palace found it difficult to score in Division Two but maybe the recent signing of England B striker Mike Flanagan from Charlton will ease that problem in the First.

"I can see us getting quite a few 1-0 wins away from home," says Hilaire. "Our defence can soak up a lot of pressure, while we have players who are quick on the break."

Hilaire is just one of many Palace youngsters who could be well-known this time next year. Kenny Sansom has already made his mark for England, but watch out, also, for central defender Billy Gilbert, as hard as nails but deceptively skilful.

In midfield, there are Peter Nicholas of Wales and Irish star Jerry Murphy. With the experience of Gerry Francis to lean on, Palace are unlikely to be anyone's whipping-boys.

"Realistically, a successful season for us would be a U.E.F.A. Cup place and a couple of good Cup runs. But we'll be aiming for the very top," warns Hilaire.



'We can be up with the leaders too'

— TERRY BUTCHER

TERRY Butcher is a young man in a hurry. The giant Ipswich centre-back made his First Division debut at 19 against Everton on April 15, 1978, then played only 28 games for his club before his selection for the England Under-21 side in a friendly against Sweden in June, 1979.

"My first match for the club, and my opening one for the Under-21 team are events which will always stay in my memory," says Terry. "In fact, I can still remember the attendance against Everton at Goodison Park — it was 33,400 and we lost 1-0."

Butcher played his early football for Lowestoft Boys and was 17 when he signed for Ipswich. And with his height of 6' 3" he has no doubts about his best position being in the heart of the defence.

"I'm too big to be a midfield man, and I've always felt at home in the back-four. Fortunately for me, too, I've received plenty of good advice from Mick Mills and Allan Hunter at Ipswich, and after a game, Mick would point out any mistakes I had made."

If Terry collects a First Division Championship medal in 1980, he will have realised one of his two ambitions — the other is to gain a regular place in the England team.

He says: "A title win for Ipswich and gaining full international recognition are major targets to aim at, although I know that in the League we will face tremendous competition from Liverpool, Nottingham Forest and West Bromwich. These are the three clubs I believe will be strong contenders for the first three places this season."

"Last season, it was Forest who impressed me most as an all-round side, continually trying to attack. And I gained a lot of respect for Garry Birtles, not only for his ability but also for his enthusiasm — he is the type of player who never



gives up.

"The same can be said of Kenny Dalglish, the man who played such an important part in Liverpool's F.A. Cup win over Ipswich last term. At that time, we thought that we were good enough to beat Liverpool, but I learned the hard way that they are a team that can never be written off."

In spite of a busy close season which passed too quickly for him, the big defender managed to find some time to devote to his favourite leisure pastime of angling.

"To me, fishing is a perfect way to relax."

However, keen as he is on using a rod and line, Butcher never loses sight of his main purpose, which is to justify himself in the exacting role of central-defender.

"In addition to wanting to do well in home competitions, I'm anxious to play my part in Europe. Following matches against Barcelona last term, I'm aware of what to expect when Ipswich go to the Continent this season, and I'm confident we can hold our own and achieve success."

"But there is no way I would under-rate the Continentals — in fact, I think they are more skilful than we are. And, for example, if you give the ball away to them, it's harder to get it back."

THE prospect of ten months virtually non-stop soccer may not appeal to some players, but I'll be delighted if I am still playing on June 22nd next year. That is the date of the European Championship Final and if England are still involved at that stage, not one of Ron Greenwood's team will feel tired or jaded.

Success breeds enthusiasm; it's only when things are going against you that you lose your appetite for the game.

Having said that, the season IS probably too long; after all, only a few clubs can be successful while for many teams the season "dies" in February or March.

When you're involved in an end-of-the-season game, with little at stake, it's not easy to motivate yourself in the way you should. After the early rounds of the F.A. Cup, many First Division managers are quoted as saying: "We're out of the Cup, but we're going for a U.E.F.A. Cup place." Really, for most, it is unrealistic, but they must have something to aim at.

At least at Chelsea we had relegation to keep the edge on our game. And I, personally, had the added incentive of keeping my place in the England team.

I felt fitter than ever when we played the last game of 1978/79 in Austria last June. I'll be honest and own up, I felt far worse at the start of the season. Looking back, I was too heavy and during the season I lost half a stone. My weight now is around 10st 8lbs and at that weight I feel strong and sharp.

Many people have suggested a reduction in the number of First Division clubs. That would mean the entire League being restructured and it just isn't "on".

I've often thought about a Super League, with the top Scottish clubs involved. Imagine it: Liverpool v. Celtic or Forest v Rangers. Take the Glasgow giants from the Premier Division and you take away the heart of Scottish football, though.

Our First Division is the toughest in Europe. It is, I believe, the largest, with 22 clubs and 42 games, but we play in all sorts of conditions without a break. One week the ground is bumpy, the next like a mud-heap. I don't think Continental pitches have the wear ours do, with reserve games and Cup matches, and this forces extra physical demands on British players.

Reducing the number of sides in Division One may raise the standard, but when all is said and done, our clubs haven't done too badly in Europe, have they? It is a huge compliment to English sides that so many European titles have been won... and if they haven't been won, our clubs have been there or thereabouts.

I bet when the Euro draws were made, no Continental club wanted to be drawn against an English side.

Despite our record, there is still room for improvement. We do fall behind the Europeans when it comes to technique. The Austrians, for example, impressed me a lot in Vienna with their close control and ball skill.

"We had an enforced lay-off during the bad winter."



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Kevin Keegan told me that Hamburger SV train morning and afternoon, plus Sunday mornings, when the players go in for a sauna and massage. In the morning they concentrate on ball-work, with circuits and weight training after lunch.

Playing two games a week, as we do so often, leaves little time for coaching, although against this simply playing regularly should improve a team.

Maybe the ideal is the best of our traditional qualities with some of the Continental techniques. We should look closer at European training and coaching schedules to see if we can learn and improve our own.

Last season we had an enforced winter-break because of the severe weather, bringing us in line with most of Europe who have a break every year. The difference with us was that we then had to go like hell to make up for the lost games!

In Europe, when they have a winter-stop, it's part of their season and

pool, at least. When I look at the Under-21 side, I see a lot of promising young players coming through who will serve England well during the 80's.

If our club sides have had more success than the national team in the 70's, we mustn't forget Liverpool, Nottingham Forest, Leeds and company can call on players from other parts of the U.K. and Eire.

Scots, especially, will be quick to remind us of this, but in turn playing in the First Division has improved players from Scotland, etc.

I'd say the First Division isn't as strong as it used to be. Now, there are five or six really good teams, whereas not too long ago there were nine or ten.

All food for thought, but you can't take away the fact that Europeans envy our clubs' record in the Euro Cups. And it's a good bet that next May, one of the three Cups at least will be won by an English club.

It may sound strange at this stage

'Europeans dislike playing English clubs'

they don't have a backlog of games as we did.

The general opinion of players seemed to be that the break was a bad thing. The uncertainty was frustrating and training on Saturdays was unnatural.

I hope this winter is better than the last one and the programme isn't interrupted. It can't be worse ... can it?

Critics say our League doesn't breed world-class players any more, but I disagree. There has been a lull, but that happens to every country. Gordon Banks, Bobby Moore, George Best, Bobby Charlton ... they were all Football League players and I'd say Kenny Dalglish is world-class when he plays for Liver-

pool of the season to be looking forward to next June, but I'd love to play for England in the European Championship ... and help us to complete a Double after Liverpool or Forest have won the European Cup!

Join me again in a fortnight when I'll be talking in depth about my move to Manchester United.



"Nottingham Forest (dark strip playing against Malmo) call on players from other parts of the U.K. and Eire."

RODNEY MARSH TO QUIT



RODNEY Marsh, who has announced his retirement at the end of the season, is the first player in American soccer history to be granted a testimonial match.

His club Tampa Bay will play Florida rivals Fort Lauderdale on September 14 — and a crowd of around 40,000 is likely to salute the former Q.P.R. and Manchester City star.

Marsh says of his retirement plan: "I've been thinking about it for six weeks. This is a very sad time for me. I've had four great years in Tampa.

"The team has done tremendously. When I first came in 1976, we had crowds of around 10,000. Now we are regularly getting 40,000.

"I am at the peak of my profession. I can still play magnificently. I am captain of the team and recently I scored two great goals against Detroit. My belief is that I should quit at the top.

"I think it is better to quit when people say 'why now?' than 'why not now?'"

Marsh says he hopes to be a coach in America within a year —

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and the betting right now is that he will end up in Philadelphia.

Marsh has scored almost 50 goals for Tampa, and four play-off goals.

"I'd like us to go all the way to the Soccer Bowl, where we would have a tremendous victory. Then I could come back to Tampa for my testimonial, which will make a perfect climax to my career."

Another chance for Bestie?

FORT Lauderdale, it seems, are still ready to trust George Best, despite his regular disappearing acts.

Says owner Beau Rogers: "If he comes back, we'll give him a chance to explain his side of the story. I'm a fairly forgiving person, but he'll have to have a very good story."

Best says: "There are still plenty of teams in this League who would be happy to have George Best."

Sweeper Cruyff

JOHAN Cruyff demonstrated the depth of his talent in a game against Washington Diplomats.

Having played the first-half up front, Cruyff dropped back to fill in as sweeper after the break following injuries to John McGrane and former Red Star player Mihaji Keri.

Cruyff's Los Angeles club won 2-1 — and the Dutch star won the Defensive Player Of The Game award.

No luck for Firmani

EDDIE Firmani isn't having much luck with his New Jersey Americans. He joined the ASL team after getting sacked by the Cosmos and so far, they have a record of six wins and 12 defeats.

★★★★★

THE last week in July produced the second largest attendance figures in NASL history.

Just over 361,000 fans watched the 22 games played that week, for an average of 16,411.

That's almost 3,000 up on last year's overall average.

Go Metro

GAS-conscious Washington Diplomats are encouraging supporters to come to games on the Metro underground system instead of in their cars.

Fans using the Metro get a dollar off future travel when they buy their game ticket at the stadium.

On the first night of the new offer, the Dips had a crowd of 26,000 — double their average so far this season.

Soccer Skylab

THE Rochester Lancers were more relieved than most, it seems, when skylab came down in Australia.

The Lancers, who had a home game on the night Skylab was scheduled to come down, cabled the NASL offices in New York to ask for clarification of the rules in the event that the space missile fell on Hollister Stadium.

Lancers general-manager Harry Abraham explained: "We wanted to make sure we were covered. After all, soccer is a non-stop game."

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DEREK Smethurst, former Millwall and Chelsea striker, turned in a four goal performance for San Diego recently.

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THE BATTLE SUPERMAC

A SHOOT tribute to Malcolm Macdonald

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WHEN Malcolm Macdonald ended his 13-month battle against injury by announcing his retirement, the football world was shocked and saddened.

The Arsenal centre-forward's long and often lonely fight to overcome knee trouble was monitored with increasing interest and admiration as he refused, time and again, to allow pain and set-backs to deter him.

And when he returned from a successful eight-match spell with Swedish club Djurgården in July to announce his long-awaited comeback, even Macdonald's critics were pleased. Because the game is always richer for the inclusion of characters. SHOOT magazine celebrated the news by blazing it boldly in our August 4 issue.

The stumble, fall and twist of the knee that occurred during the first Arsenal session of their one week spell in a Cologne training camp forced Macdonald to fly back to London for yet another visit to a specialist. But this time the news was bad. Macdonald discovered he had lost his battle.

He said: "It was a terrible moment, but I have known a few of those over the past year. I believe I have made the right decision."

Thus ends another chapter in football. Macdonald is one of a rapidly dying breed — a natural, instinctive and explosive scorer of goals, an attack-leader of what is often described as the "old fashioned" mould, a man whose

presence in a team was sufficient to swell attendance figures.

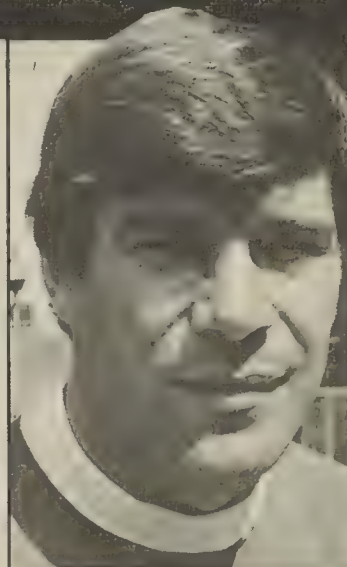
Macdonald's story is boys' fiction tale material. Born in Fulham in February, 1950, the eldest of four brothers, he attended Sloane Grammar School where his talents revealed themselves to be equally divided between academic lines and football.

Macdonald's father died when he was a teenager and he left school to help his mother run their family business — an experience which gave him a hard edge at an early age.

Harry Haslam took him to Tonbridge where Macdonald was given a football education. Haslam played him in almost every position, and by the time he moved to Fulham in 1968, he was a confident, outspoken character with undisguised ambition and determination.

Switched to centre-forward during an injury crisis, Macdonald scored the only goal of a win over Crystal Palace, and made such an impression that he was kept up-front. But Fulham were relegated to the Third Division at the end of that season — 1968-69 — and despite his five goals in eight League appearances, Macdonald was allowed to leave.

Haslam, by now working at Luton, snapped him up for £17,500 in July, 1969. Macdonald quickly established himself as a local favourite. His pace and powerful left foot produced a glut of goals — 49 of them in 88 League games alone.



Newcastle United manager, Joe Harvey, acted while other managers dithered and in May, 1971, United paid Luton £180,000 and a legend was born. The Geordies, weaned on tales of Jackie Milburn, took Macdonald to their hearts as he made a fabulous home debut, scoring a hat-trick in an August 3-2 victory over Liverpool.

They christened him "Supermac" and Macdonald responded by becoming a larger-than-life character on and off the field. He spoke his mind. He answered questions bluntly and clearly did not suffer fools.

Under-23 caps were awarded in 1972 and 1973 against Wales

(twice), Scotland and East Germany. In return he scored four goals. The full England call came in 1972, against Wales, and he won 14 caps in all.

Macdonald clinched England's 2-0 win over World Champions West Germany at Wembley in 1975 and a few weeks later returned in triumph, scoring all five goals in a 5-0 hammering of Cyprus. Yet his England career spluttered too often and, sadly, he faded from the international scene before the Ron Greenwood era.

One can only wonder what Macdonald might have achieved with the service of wingers.

His departure from Newcastle was dramatic. New manager Gordon Lee's aversion to superstar "types" meant the end of a St James' Park era. So after scoring 95 League goals in 187 League games, Macdonald joined Arsenal for £333,333 in July, 1976. Macdonald said: "I was sad to leave Newcastle because I was happy there and made so many good friends."

Predictions

During his North-East reign, Macdonald played in two major Wembley Finals. His goals secured a place in the 1974 F.A. Cup Final. But United, playing a negative 4-4-2 formation, were torn apart 3-0 by Liverpool and Macdonald carried the can because of his pre-match predictions.

In 1976, Newcastle met Manchester City in a thrilling League Cup Final which City nicked 2-1. Macdonald was branded a "Wembley loser" — almost as if he were the only Newcastle player there on the day!

At Highbury, Macdonald continued to score goals — 29 in his first season, 26 in 1977-78. But when Arsenal lost the 1978 Cup Final 1-0 to Ipswich it signalled the beginning of his nightmare.

Three operations followed, punctuated by a handful of games and two goals in season 1978-79. He struggled on for 13 months. But now football is the loser. Because players of Macdonald's calibre are rare. SHOOT says a Big "thank you" to a striker who made football that little bit richer during his career.



**Golden Goals
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TOP LEFT ... Supermac is on the mark for Fulham against Norwich.
TOP RIGHT ... Macdonald had a sensational home debut for Newcastle, scoring a hat-trick against Liverpool.
BOTTOM RIGHT ... Macdonald, now at Arsenal, pounces to net against Manchester City.

BOTTOM LEFT ... The Arsenal striker scores one of his famous five goals for England against Cyprus, at Wembley in April, 1975.

THE TRANSFER MARKET

Four leading First Division players and a top manager give their views on this major topic



KEN KNIGHTON
(Sunderland manager)



KEVIN BOND
(Norwich)

1

Do you think prices will settle down?

I believe the Independent Appeals Committee have already given an indication they will. They have applied the brake and brought some commonsense with it.

It certainly can't get crazier than it has in recent weeks especially with Manchester City lashing out £750,000 on an unknown Second Division striker as well as £250,000 on a 17-year-old boy from Crystal Palace who has yet to play a first team game. It's a ludicrous situation and I just hope people in the game will now see some sense at last.

2

Will the £1 million barrier be broken again? If so, who do you think the player will be?

I hope it won't be smashed again but the answer lies with the type of club determined to be successful. Brian Clough did just that with Trevor Francis and who's to say he won't be followed by someone else. As for who the next £1 million player will be — well as I talk it looks like Andy Gray, valued at £1¼ million by Aston Villa.

The barrier could quite easily be broken again if someone of the quality of Arsenal's Liam Brady became available.

3

Are inflated fees good or bad for the game?

They are bad for the game because you get a situation where the rich clubs get richer and the poor poorer. Added to that it's making it very difficult for any club in the transfer market trying to put a true value on players.

It can't be good for the game — that's for sure. Clubs are being irresponsible with the money and it would be interesting to see how many would react if transfer fees had to be paid in full — quickly. They would be better off improving grounds and facilities for spectators to enjoy their football in more comfort.

4

Is the present transfer trend creating a mini Super League in the First Division?

There was always a little band of elite clubs even before transfer fees began to escalate. Now the present trend has only served to strengthen that situation.

Money doesn't guarantee you success — look at clubs like Manchester City and Everton — and it's because of this that I don't think there is a mini Super League. Only Liverpool have consistently stayed up there and yet I don't think they've lashed out as much on players as other clubs.

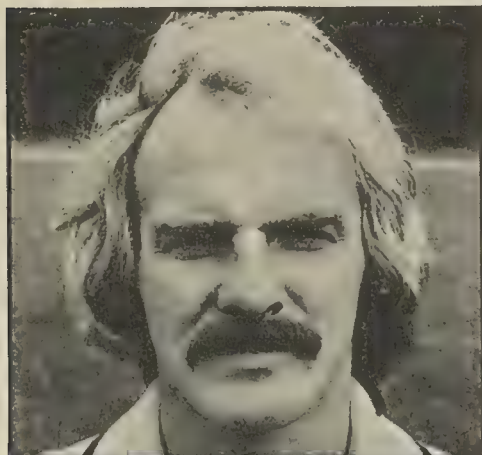
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If you had £1 million to spend who would you buy?

If I had a £1 million to spend I'd use it on the wife and kids. But seriously, I would try and buy two quality players for that sort of money and not risk all of it on just one man.

The player that always springs to my mind is Trevor Brooking. He's a £1 million man in my book because he's got all the qualities for the job. Quite simply he's class.

WILL IT GET EVEN CRAZIER?



TERRY YORATH
(Coventry)

I hope so but the fact that Manchester City can quite happily pay £250,000 for a 17-year-old boy without first team experience obviously makes me wonder. Another worrying aspect is that big-money players obviously demand big wages and that can have a very unsettling effect on other men at clubs with a wealth of experience — at international level as well — who suddenly find themselves very poor relations.

Every club has a duty to balance their books but don't forget a club like Coventry were prepared to pay that sort of money for Trevor Francis. If a club has got the cash then they will go ahead. If they believe that is the price of success then they will take the risk.

It's got to be bad for the game and it must make the man on the terrace wondering what the hell is happening. I can't for the life of me see how certain clubs can simply afford to commit themselves to that sort of money on the market because it's always a double-edged situation with a much bigger pay-roll.

I'm not so sure especially when you see a club with the country-cousin image of Ipswich competing at the highest level in the market. Other clubs like Nottingham Forest and West Brom have broken through in the last couple of seasons and there is room for more. It's certainly not some sort of closed shop.

I don't think I would want to lash out all that money on just one player simply because they are not worth that amount. But that wouldn't stop other clubs. Brian Clough and Peter Taylor always believe that the time to buy is when you're on top and who can argue with them — and Liverpool!



DAVID ARMSTRONG
(Middlesbrough)

I don't think so because although the sky may seem to be the limit at the moment, it's only taken the Independent Appeals Committee to help restore some sanity with their first meeting. Obviously, some fees had got out of hand. It's been ridiculous and they have cut back drastically in certain deals.

That's difficult to say. I felt that in the present market Trevor Francis was worth that amount to Forest. In the same way Arsenal's Liam Brady would also command that sort of fee and he would also be value for money.

There are two ways of looking at this sort of situation. The size of the fee doesn't bother the player. He doesn't put a price on himself and it wouldn't bother me if I was in the £1 million bracket. But it can't be good for many clubs who should always look carefully at their bank balance because there aren't many in the black. Soccer is big business and has to be run on those lines but if the money can buy class then the fans won't think that so called inflated fees are bad for the game — especially at their club.

Yes I think that is certainly the case for clubs with cash and big crowds. But it's also down to good management and a shrewd boss doesn't always have to spend enormous fees to get success. Middlesbrough are not considered to be a glamorous club but I'll back us against anyone at the top. It's not very long ago that both Nottingham Forest and West Brom were in the Second Division so there is always room at the top.

The only player I would put in that bracket is Brady. He's a world-class midfield man and if he became available there would be a few clubs eager to try and raise the cash. I wouldn't be afraid to spend that sort of money on a player of his calibre although you must also have the right men around him.



KEVIN HIRD
(Leeds United)

I have found it getting worse, since I moved for £300,000 from Blackburn Rovers in March this year, and I was not particularly surprised when Nottingham Forest paid Birmingham City £1 million for Trevor Francis.

I honestly thought it would be a long while before a club paid that amount again. But the fees put on the heads of Andy Gray and Ray Wilkins have destroyed that view. Personally I don't believe any player in the Football League is worth £1 million.

It depends how you look at it. Clubs with money will always be prepared to splash out for talented players. At least the money is staying in football, which can't be too bad.

Definitely. It seems the rich clubs get richer while the poor get poorer. There will always be an exclusive club, only half a dozen sides capable of breaking the barrier.

As I said earlier, no player is worth £1 million. If I was in a position to purchase footballers for that price, I would endeavour to scour the Football League and abroad and would expect to pick up two or three players for that price.

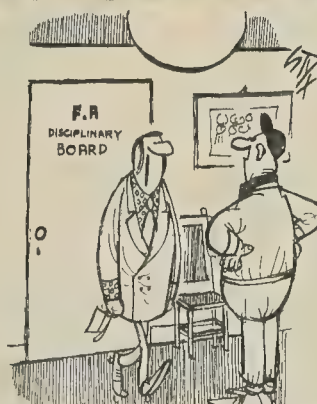


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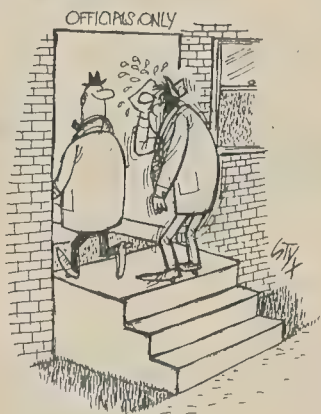
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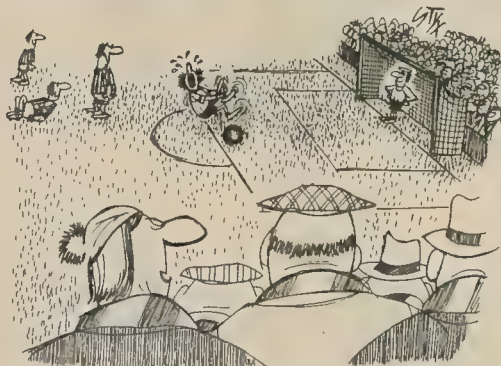
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in with our set-up here?"



"I had my name taken — for arguing with the
board"



"Mind if I rest a while before going to
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WORLD STARS

pick their

WORLD XI

The Argentinian sports magazine *El Gráfico* recently asked some of the game's top players these five questions about world football today. We thought you'd be interested to read their replies.

1. What is your current World XI?
2. Who is the best player you've ever seen?
3. Who was or is the best player in your country?
4. If the next World Cup were held now, who would be the Finalists?
5. What is the most memorable match of your career?



BONIEK

(Widzew Lodz & Poland)

(1) Leão; Krol, Trésor, Pezzey, Cabrini; Ardiles, Keegan, Platini; Asensi, Rossi, Kempes. (2) Günter Netzer. (3) Grzegorz Lato and Adam Nawalka. (4) Italy and England. (5) Widzew Lodz against Man. City in the U.E.F.A. Cup, 1977.

BRUNO PEZZEY

(Eintracht Frankfurt & Austria)

(1) Koncilia; Kaltz, Passarella, Krol, Cabrini; Ardiles, Keegan, Simonsen; Causio, Krankl, Rossi. (2) Pelé and Johan Cruyff. (3) Hans Krankl. (4) Argentina and Italy. (5) Austria 4, England 3 this summer.



FRANCO CAUSIO

(Juventus & Italy)

(1) Fillol; Toninho, Pezzey, Passarella, Cabrini; Ardiles, Bonhof, Kempes; Bertoni, Rossi, Rensenbrink. (2) Pelé. (3) Paolo Rossi. (4) Italy will be one of them. (5) Against England in Rome, 2-0, 1977.



MANNY KALTZ

(Hamburger SV & West Germany)

(1) Koncilia; Kaltz, Pezzey, Krol, Cabrini; Bonhof, Tardelli, Platini; Causio, Rossi, Keegan. (2) Pelé, Bobby Charlton and Franz Beckenbauer. (3) Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Klaus Fischer. (4) Italy and England. (5) West Germany 2, Italy 1 in West Berlin, 1978.



F.I.F.A's World XI line-up before their game with World Champions Argentina earlier this year.

PAOLO ROSSI

(Perugia & Italy)

(1) Fillol; Toninho, Pezzey, Passarella, Cabrini; Ardiles, Neeskens, Bonhof; Causio, Kempes, Bettiga. (2) Pelé and Johan Cruyff. (3) Franco Causio and Roberto Bettiga. (4) Italy and Argentina. (5) Italy/France in the '78 World Cup.



FRIEDL KONCILIA

(Anderlecht & Austria)

(1) Fillol; Kaltz, Passarella, Krol, Cabrini; Ardiles, Keegan, Simonsen; Causio, Rossi, Krankl. (2) Johan Cruyff and Pelé. (3) Hans Krankl. (4) Argentina and England. (5) East Germany 1, Austria 1 in Leipzig, 1977.



ASENSI

(Barcelona & Spain)

(1) Koncilia; Toninho, Pezzey, Passarella, Krol; Bonhof, Tardelli, Platini; Causio, Torocsik, Rossi. (2) Pelé, di Stéfano, Ladislao Kubala. (3) Amancio. (4) Argentina, Holland, West Germany and Czechoslovakia as the last four. (5) Against Real Madrid in 1973 when Barca won 5-0. Juan is also featured on page 31.



MICHEL PLATINI

(Saint-Etienne & France)

(1) Hellström; Brandts, Trésor, Passarella, Krol; Bonhof, Ardiles, Kempes; Keegan, Rossi, Simonsen or Rensenbrink. (2) Johan Cruyff. (3) Many. (4) Argentina and England. (5) France's 2-2 draw in Bulgaria, 1977.

ZICO

(Flamengo & Brazil)

(1) The World XI side that beat Argentina 2-1 this summer: Leão; Kaltz, Pezzey, Krol, Cabrini; Tardelli, Platini, Zico; Causio, Rossi, Boniek. — plus Diego Maradona. (2) Pelé. (3) Leão and Sócrates. (4) Brazil and Italy. (5) Brazil 2, Argentina 1 in 1976.



LEAO

(Vasco and Brazil)

(1) The World XI which played against Argentina, plus Keegan, Dalglish, Krankl and Passarella. (2) Pelé. (3) Zico, Falcão, Sócrates and Oscar. (4) I only know that Brazil would be one of the Finalists. (5) Against Italy in 1976 when we won 4-1.



STRANGE SUBSTITUTIONS

THE No. 12 WHO BLASTED A HAT- TRICK



of starting a substitute spell — Wignall with Doncaster against Scunthorpe in April, 1976, and Hooks with Notts County against Blackburn in August, 1977.

Two who were booked last season within a minute of going on as replacements were Rochdale's Ian Bannon and Cambridge United's Bill Garner.

In another F.A. Cup-tie, Torquay United, playing against Nuneaton Borough in the First Round in November, 1971, pulled off Brian Hill (ex-Coventry City defender) and replaced him with ... Brian Hill (former Bristol City winger)!

Bobby Knox, a Barrow forward, scored the first-ever Football League substitute goal against Wrexham on August 21, 1965 and was the first sub to save a penalty.

Can anyone match what Wolves and England striker John Richards (above) did on February 14, 1976? He hit all three in a 3-0 defeat of Charlton — after coming on as the number 12.

Charlton's Keith Peacock holds a record no one can ever take from him. He was the first-ever League match substitute — against Bolton Wanderers on August 21, 1965.

There's a "common denominator" which links Keith Bertschin (Birmingham), Jeremy Charles (Swansea), Paul Bielby (Huddersfield), and Terry Gaffney (Hartlepool). All scored within a minute and with their first kick after going on as substitute.

In the case of Bertschin and Charles it was the player's debut in each case, and we ought to add that all these other current players marked their League debuts with a goal — in a substitute role: Archie Gemmill and Martin O'Neill (Forest), Carl Harris (Leeds), Terry Hibbitt (Newcastle), Dennis Rofe (Leicester), John Toshack (Swansea), and Joe Mayo (Orient).

SURELY the strangest soccer substitute story of 1979 was one in which Frank McGarvey, became the central figure at Hampden Park on May 22nd.

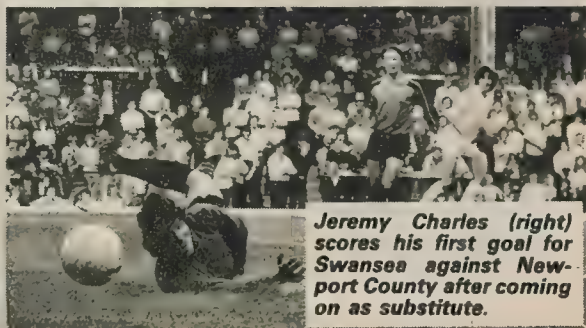
In it he was given his baptism in a full international match — with Scotland against Ireland — and what a "blooding" it was. It occupied just the last minute, and when the whistle went he hadn't even touched the ball!

The self-same thing happened to another Scot, Leicester City half-back, Malcolm Clarke, in September, 1965. He was called on with just 60 seconds to go.

Ever since soccer's law-makers decided, before the start of season 1965-66, that spare parts should be permitted, SHOOT kept a detailed record of all the odd things that can happen to substitutes. Here is an assortment of some of the more bizarre moments.

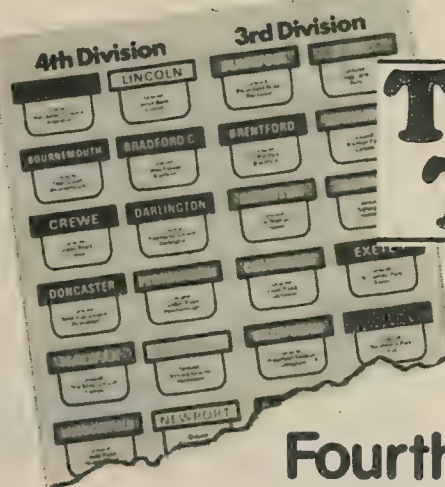
Hereford striker Bobby Gould went on with 88 minutes to go in a First Division match in March, 1975, when he replaced West Ham's injured Billy Bonds in a match against Burnley.

Steve Wignall and Paul Hooks were sent-off within two minutes



Jeremy Charles (right) scores his first goal for Swansea against Newport County after coming on as substitute.

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

WEST BROMWICH ALBION- *at times they played like the Brazilians at their peak*

LAST season was West Bromwich Albion's best for 25 years. And what better way to round off the 1978/79 campaign than with the visit of League Cup winners Nottingham Forest and the battle for second and third place in the toughest League in the world?

Albion with 59 points were all set to beat the club's best points haul of 60 in a season set up in 1919/20, whilst Forest were equally determined that this should not be so.

Laurie Cunningham, Albion's close season £900,000 departure to Spanish club Real Madrid, was ruled out through injury, which meant that John Trewick was switched to number 11 with Tony Brown taking over the number four spot.

The game, poised on a knife edge, lay in deadlock until the 84th minute when, after a goalmouth scramble, that man Francis showed just why Brian Clough splashed out £1 million for his talents by shooting through a ruck of players to settle the issue.

So ended a season in which Albion won nothing. Leeds United knocked them out of the League Cup by the only goal in the Second Round after two replays. Southampton bundled them out of the F.A. Cup 2-1 in a Fifth Round replay at The Dell, and in the U.E.F.A. Cup Albion fell to Red Star, losing 1-0 before a 95,000 crowd in Belgrade, yet surprisingly could only manage a 1-1 draw at The Hawthorns.

Accolades

To dwell in the past is not the policy at West Bromwich. But who could let last season pass without showering accolades on a team that at times played football with all the flair and finesse shown by the Brazilians at their best.

The link-up between the three black players, Batson, Cunningham and Regis, was phenomenal and a joy to watch. Indeed, the whole side knitted together in adventurous fashion to bring enjoyment and entertainment to those who saw the team play... Yes, the memory lingers, and why not?

Perhaps the best way of summing up Albion's performances came after the second home game against newly promoted Bolton Wanderers. The Trotters were well and truly thrashed 4-0.

After the one sided affair team boss Ian Greaves walked into a crowded Press room, asked for something "stiff", smiled and said: "Well, what do you do against a team like that?" A sentiment no doubt echoed by many a baffled manager.

But to the future. When will the



Regis (centre) was phenomenal in his link with Cunningham and Batson last season.

team seeded by the mercurial Johnny Giles and allowed to germinate under the astute management of Ronnie Allen before blossoming with the suave and sophisticated Ron Atkinson, begin to bear fruit in the shape of a trophy?

Certainly, Ron Atkinson has his finger on the pulse. In January he showed he was not afraid to spend on the right men and paid out £516,000 for Middlesbrough's David Mills. Goalkeeper David Stewart was bought for £70,000 from Leeds United as cover for the ever-present Tony Godden.

But perhaps the biggest talking

point at The Hawthorns was the sale of Laurie Cunningham. Why was he allowed to leave? Did he really knock on the door of Real Madrid?

"We can enlarge on that because it's no secret," says Atkinson. "First and foremost, we tried to negotiate with Laurie all last season and, on certainly no fewer than three or four occasions Laurie was asked exactly how much he wanted to sign a long term contract with West Bromwich Albion."

"When he made his demands we said that we were prepared to meet them. To which he would

suddenly say, 'Well, I want to think about it'. But it was very difficult to pin him down. This was all going on well before Christmas.

"After Christmas we approached him again and found that his demands had soared to around £75,000 a year basic wage. Although we'd made him an offer which we think would have put him among the top three highest paid players in the country, there was no way that we could have met that sort of demand.

"And as his contract was up, we really had to find the best deal we could for ourselves.

"As to the reported door knocking incident. I think that is a load of rubbish — a little bit of fiction. We knew that three Spanish clubs had been interested in him including Valencia, Barcelona and Real Madrid. This was probably due to the fact that he had an outstanding game against Valencia in our U.E.F.A. Cup run. It's our belief that Real made the approach well before the end of last season."

To compensate for the loss of Cunningham, Atkinson moved in swiftly for Manchester City and England winger Peter Barnes at a cost of £650,000.

"It seems ironic and a strange quirk of fate that we should get nearly £1 million for one player who, after all is said and done, is England's understudy to the lad that we've bought. Perhaps circumstances in that respect worked

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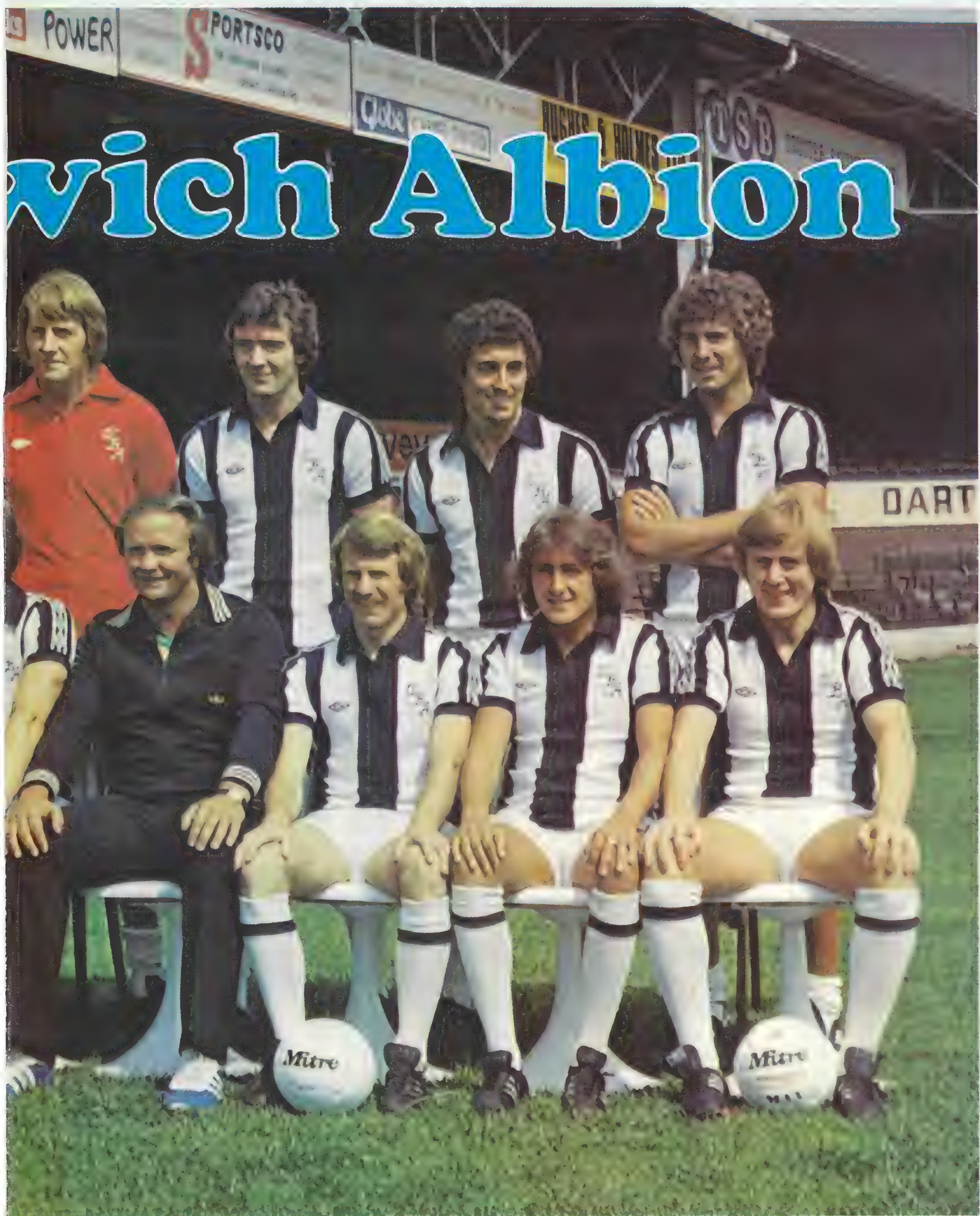


New recruits from Manchester City, Gary Owen (left) and Peter Barnes with manager Ron Atkinson.

West Brom



BACK ROW (left to right): Derek Statham, Cyrille Regis, Tony Godden, David Stewart, Alistair Brown, John Trewick, Bryan Robson.
FRONT ROW: Tony Brown, Alistair Robertson, Brendon Batson, George Wright (physio), John Wile, Ron Atkinson (manager), David Mills, Gary Owen, Peter Barnes.



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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Continued

out fairly well. At the same time that we were having to sell our star winger through no fault of ours, we were able to purchase another one because, all of a sudden, he'd been transfer listed by his own club."

Two months earlier Albion captured the signature of England Under-23 midfielder star Gary Owen from the Maine Road club.

"At £450,000 we think that we've got a real snip," said Atkinson. "I'll be most surprised if he's not pressing for a full England place within the next two years."

"We released a very good player in Len Cantello, who signed for Bolton for £350,000. Again, this was through contract problems. Now we've got a player who is eight years his junior for just a shade more money."

"But let's face facts. We lost Cunningham and Cantello, basically because they'd come to the end of their contracts."

To complete the comings and goings, Albion parted company with Ron Atkinson's second in command, Colin Addison, who took on the irresistible challenge of First Division managership with Derby County. In his place came the very knowledgeable Oxford United boss, Mike Brown.

"Once again, due to circumstances, we lost a very good man who was naturally ambitious. Fortunately, we've been able to replace him with a person who's equally ambitious and of the same qualities."



David Mills' price didn't frighten Atkinson.



Striker Ally Brown (left) takes a back-seat as Red Star captain Jovanovic raps orders in last season's U.E.F.A. Cup Quarter-Final second-leg.

What does the future hold for West Bromwich Albion? "We think that we learned from last season," says Atkinson. "We hope it's a stepping stone to something."

"The good thing about the new campaign is that people, probably and rightly so, are making Liverpool and Nottingham Forest the firm front runners. We're quite happy with that. We want everybody to spotlight them and not give anybody else a chance — including ourselves. It puts us under no pressure."

"I think we're capable of doing quite well. We've a comparatively young side. In fact, we've got five players aged 22 and under, who were in the England party in June, namely: Barnes, Owen, Regis, Robson and Statham."

"But there are a number of good sides about. I expect Manchester United to do well, also Ipswich, Leeds, Everton and Aston Villa. Then there are the new sides: Brighton, Stoke and Crystal Palace. We don't know what they're capable of doing."

In the U.E.F.A. Cup, Albion travel to East Germany to face Carl Zeiss Jena in the First Round. "It won't be easy," says Atkinson, "particularly the away leg. Any trip to East Germany is always difficult. But if we perform properly, then we're well capable of coming through."

West Bromwich Albion is a club which rewards loyalty and has given a second testimonial to Tony Brown after 18 years' service, plus a new three year contract.

"Even that is only small reward for what he's done for the club," says Atkinson. "It's the Albion Centenary year and, fittingly, I don't think the club has had a finer servant during the whole of its history."

Although 1979 is the Centenary

year with the actual birthday being recorded as 20 September, 1879, Albion are taking 1979-80 as their Centenary season and began their celebrations with a fixture against Ajax of Holland on August 11.

But how does 'The Bomber', who last season beat the club's League goalscoring record of 208 previously held by former Albion favourite Ronnie Allen, view the coming campaign?

"I'm looking forward to it immensely," says the ageless 33-year-old. "I think, if we can carry on from where we left off last term, then we're in for another fabulous time. There's every possibility of the team winning something and the lads are very confident."

Will the new signings upset Albion's rhythm? "No, I can't see that happening at all," says Tony. "Sometimes when people come to the club you're a bit wary, but Owen and Barnes have fitted in fine and the players have really taken to them. The team spirit with and amongst the new lads is tremendous."

Off the pitch Albion have been at work during the close season and fences have been erected behind each goal to comply fully with F.I.F.A. regulations. An electronic scoreboard is another innovation.

"The only thing that hasn't been put up," quips Atkinson, "is the manager's wages."

Brendon Batson (left) and Tony Brown.



RON ATKINSON has been involved in transfer deals worth nearly £3 million over the past six months. "With all the comings and goings there's about £100,000 adrift," he said.

Here is the table of transfers from the time when Atkinson took over in January, 1978:

INCOMINGS	FEE	PREVIOUS CLUB
Brendon Batson	£28,000	Cambridge United
David Stewart	£70,000	Leeds United
David Mills	£516,000	Middlesbrough
Gary Owen	£450,000	Manchester City
Peter Barnes	£650,000	Manchester City
Barry Cowdrill	£5,000	Sutton Town
OUTGOINGS	FEE	CLUB
Mick Martin	£100,000	Newcastle United
Willie Johnston	£100,000	Vancouver Whitecaps
Wayne Hughes	£50,000	Tulsa Roughnecks
Len Cantello	£350,000	Bolton Wanderers.
Laurie Cunningham	£900,000 plus a game against Real Madrid which should bring in another £40,000 to £50,000	Real Madrid
Trevor Thompson	£5,000	Newport County
Micky Lewis	£5,000	Birmingham City

It should be pointed out that the fees paid on the incoming transfers include VAT and a 10% levy, which the club reclaims.

For example, David Mills cost in effect £445,000.

'When our fans get angry'

BARCELONA'S exciting 4-3 win over Fortuna Dusseldorf in the Final of the Cup-Winners' Cup was — believe it or not — the first European trophy won by a Spanish club for 13 years, and Barcelona's first European success since they won the old Fairs Cup way back in 1966.

It seems strange that, while Spanish clubs rate among the most powerful in Europe and most top players would relish the chance of a lucrative contract in the land of the peseta, there's been such a total lack of international success for the star-studded Spanish teams. SHOOT asked Asensi for his views on the subject.

SHOOT: Congratulations on the Cup-Winners' Cup win — it was a really exciting Final. But why is it that mighty Barcelona haven't been in more European Finals?

ASENSI: Because people keep knocking us out! No, seriously, we haven't reached any Finals, but our record shows that we've been doing pretty well each year. We've reached a lot of Semi-Finals, but then we've been eliminated by really strong teams such as Liverpool and Leeds United. In theory we were maybe strong enough to beat them and go on to the Final, but that's football.

SHOOT: What place do you think this European title will have in the history of the club. Is it the summit for Barcelona, or is it the launching point for a team that's going to establish itself as one of Europe's best?

ASENSI: All the players hope this will spur us on to greater things, and we're certainly not going to sit back and say 'that's that'. We've now got a European title to defend, and that's not all. We must now aim to win the League this new season so that we can have a crack at the European Cup.

SHOOT: This has been one of Barcelona's problems, hasn't it? You just can't seem to win the League and, in a way, it seems crazy that a team that has won the Cup-Winners' Cup can't do better than sixth in the Spanish League!

ASENSI: Yes, I'm afraid our away form let us down badly last season, and this is a problem we must overcome. I hope we are lucky enough to get some good results early on, so that we have more confidence.

SHOOT: Barcelona regularly get gates of 90,000 and your fans give you fanatical support. Isn't this sometimes a burden for the players?

ASENSI: I think our fans are the best in the world, and they give us tremendous support. But yes, there's a lot in what you say because the fans know that Barcelona is a powerful club, and they feel justified in demanding at least one title per year! When things don't work out they get angry and ... yes, sometimes this can put a lot of pressure on the players and make things worse.

SHOOT: Another of the strange features of Spanish club football is

that, while everyone knows the foreign stars playing there, the home-grown Spanish players like yourself pass virtually unnoticed — and if you asked a British fan to name three top Spanish individuals, he probably couldn't. Is it a pity that the foreign stars tend to attract all the attention?

ASENSI: Yes, I think so. Our clubs sign the top foreign stars to bring in the crowds, and of course these foreign players become the hub of the team, with the rest revolving around them. And of course the foreigners attract all the publicity, while good Spanish players are practically ignored. If you play Valencia everyone concentrates on Kempes. For the fans, Real Madrid means Stielike, Jensen, and now your own Laurie Cunningham. And here in Barcelona the fans and the media tend to concentrate on Krankl and, this season Allan Simonson. It's the same everywhere — the foreigners are regarded as 'personalities' while the Spanish players simply play a supporting role year after year while the foreigners come and go.

SHOOT: You're also captain of the Spanish national team — and in last year's World Cup, most teams produced at least one outstanding individual, but Spain passed virtually unnoticed. Is this the logical result of what we were saying just now?



ASENSI: Possibly, yes. We've got one or two outstanding individuals in the national team, but, you know, Spain traditionally relies on what we call 'la furia española' — sort of fierce expression of our national pride. In the World Cup we made a tactical error in the second-half of our opening match against Austria, and that was that. We played a lot better in the following matches, but unfortunately it wasn't enough.

SHOOT: It's less than three years till Spain is host nation for the next World Cup. Are there any young Spaniards coming through?

ASENSI: Yes, I think there are some good young players around at the moment. I've seen the young Argentinian team who've been on tour in Europe and I just wish that Spain could produce as many talented youngsters as they do. But the truth is simply that we don't.

SHOOT: If you're still the Spanish captain in 1982, you'll have broken Iribar's record of 49 appearances for your country, won't you?

ASENSI: Well, for me Iribar's record isn't a conscious target that I've set myself — I'd just like to continue to be of use to the national team. And yes, I'd like to captain Spain in the 1982 World Cup, because it would be a great honour and a sensational climax to my career. I think I'll be retiring the year after the World Cup.

SHOOT: Again, perhaps Spanish internationals don't get the recog-

JUAN MANUEL ASENSI Captain of Barcelona & Spain



nition they deserve because the national team has played so few matches in recent years?

ASENSI: Absolutely right. I've been playing for Spain for ten years and I've got 35 caps. In another country I'd probably have at least double that!

SHOOT: Turning to the future of Barcelona. In the new season, Allan Simonson in place of Johan Neeskens ...

ASENSI: It'll perhaps be difficult at first, because there's always a question mark over the arrival of a new foreign player, because you never know how quickly he's going to adapt. As for Neeskens, well, it's a shame he had to leave. He was a fabulous team-mate for five years, and everyone here is upset that he's gone. But that's

football, and the problems about renewing contracts with foreign players are always more complicated.

SHOOT: The fans here loved Johan Neeskens and are very upset that he's left. Could this create problems for Simonson?

ASENSI: Possibly ... I think so. Neeskens was always extremely popular and I think Simonson will have to work very hard to take his place in the fans' esteem. Having said that, I think the fans will give him a fair chance because they realise he isn't to blame for Johan's departure. I hope there aren't any problems, because, as I said before, we want to establish Barcelona as one of Europe's top teams in 1980.

CUBA-SOCCER'S NEXT 'UNKNOWN' HEROES?

FIFA's decision to expand the 1982 World Cup Finals to accommodate 24 teams opens the door to a number of "unknown" countries on the world soccer map. In the Central/North American CONCACAF group, Mexico will be hot favourites to qualify as usual, but there'll be a fierce battle to decide who'll occupy the second place alongside them.

The USA have high hopes but, in spite of all the money being poured into the game, they'll be hard-pressed to find sufficient

home-grown players to form a potent national team. What's more, they're going to run into fairly tough opposition like Haiti (who qualified in 1974, remember). And among the dark horses there's another name to watch — Cuba.

Since the 1959 Revolution, Fidel Castro's administration has given unconditional support to the development of sports facilities, and Cuba's recent crop of boxers (like Teó Stevenson), basketball players and athletes (like Alberto Juantorena) is no accident.

But soccer isn't a traditional sport in Cuba. As in so many countries, the British introduced the game in 1908, and the first organised competitions got under way four years later. However, in "Americanised" Cuba, sports like baseball and basketball got top priority and, even though the Cubans made a fleeting appearance in the 1938 World Cup, soccer was still very much a minority sport when Castro took control 20 years ago.

Since then, the governing sports body, INDER, has steadily encouraged the growth of soccer, and there are now 20 stadiums and 100,000 registered players in the country. In true Communist fashion, professionalism doesn't exist, and the Leagues are contested by district or provincial sides (action, left).

So far, the Cubans' main ambitions have been centred on amateur events such as the Olympics, the Central American and Panamerican Games.

In the 1976 Olympics, they not only qualified, but managed a creditable draw with the reigning Champions Poland, who were fielding practically all of the side

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that had clinched third place in the 1974 World Cup. And in the 1978 World Cup qualifiers, the Cubans were unlucky to lose to Haiti after two 1-1 draws and a play-off.

The Cubans may not be world-beaters, but their exploits in other sports suggest that when they put their minds to it, they can go all the way to the top. At the moment, all their attention is concentrated on next year's Olympic Games in Moscow, where they're determined to make their mark in their Communist "mother country".

The Government is giving full backing to the development of football, so don't be too surprised if you see Cuba alongside the greats of world football in Spain in 1982.



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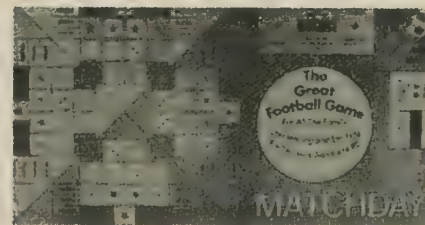
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THE 1978 (yes, 1978) São Paulo League Championship Final play-off between São Paulo FC and Santos has just been played in Brazil. São Paulo FC won 2-0 during normal time, but this left the two teams level on points, so they had to play extra-time with the score starting at 0-0. No goals were scored in the further 30 minutes, so Santos were declared Champions on a better goal-average!

Now is that perfectly clear . . . ?

I liked this caricature of Real Madrid's Laurie Cunningham drawn by an artist of Don Balon, the Spanish soccer magazine.

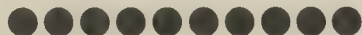


Dream becomes a nightmare

I'VE already told you how amateur club Gueugnon made history in France by winning promotion to the First Division — and how the authorities refused point-blank to admit an amateur team to the top Division. So poor Gueugnon have been obliged to give up their chance of glory and have forfeited their place in the First Division.

To make matters worse, the professional clubs have been keeping a close eye on some of the players who led them to promotion, and full-back Chaussin has already been lured away by Saint-Etienne; goalkeeper Blin has turned pro with Guingamp; and centre-forward Trivino has done likewise at Cannes.

One minute Gueugnon were rejoicing in a dream come true; and now they're back to earth with a bump and the team is drifting apart.



PLAYER NOT PAID

THERE'S an interesting situation in Argentina, where Rosario Central full-back Jorge Garcia is now back in action following a cartilage operation on his right knee. The 23-year-old defender was one of the new names that Menotti brought into the national team and only the knee injury prevented him from playing in Argentina's recent European tour.

But poor old Garcia hasn't only got his knee to worry about. His club have been refusing to pay his wages because the injury occurred during one of the national team's friendly matches in Cordoba, and Central are insisting that the Argentina F.A. pay Garcia's wages during his absence . . .

News flashes

DIRCEU, Brazil's World Cup midfield star, is being sold by America of Mexico to Corinthians of São Paulo, Brazil.

THE West German Under-21 Championship has been won by 1-FC Kaiserslautern, who beat VfB Stuttgart 2-0 in the Final play-off.

FARENC Kovacs, manager of the Hungarian national team since the 1978 World Cup, has been dismissed. The new manager is Karoly Lakat. A qualified Professor of



UDO Lattek, who recently moved from Borussia Mönchengladbach to take over Borussia Dortmund, asked his new players at the first training session where they preferred to play. No fewer than seven of them said . . . centre forward.

Picture shows Lattek with the new Dortmund players at Borussia's pre-season photo-call.

WHAT A WEEKEND

DUTCH amateur club DDH had a weekend they won't forget in a hurry. All this happened within 48 hours:

FRIDAY EVENING . . . thieves break into the club house. Money is taken and the property damaged.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON . . . Youth team becomes Champions, but the F.A. doesn't promote them because of "the long winter break."

SUNDAY MORNING . . . Second team wins its League, but again no promotion for the same reason.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON . . . Dinnie Kiezenbrink of the women's team breaks a leg. The DDH first team needs one point to avoid relegation; they take the lead, but lose 10-4. For the first time in 25 years they're relegated.

SUNDAY EVENING . . . Fire in the club house, which is burned to the ground. Total damage: £27,000. Their insurance: £12,500.

Now, some Dutch clubs are playing "testimonials" for DDH who were virtually ruined in one weekend.

Hungarian History, Lakat has worked in VfL Bochum, the Bundesliga club, have signed 26-year-old Yugoslav Luka Bonacic for Grasshoppers of Zurich. Bonacic is the first foreign player Bochum have signed, though the rules have always allowed two imports per club.

THE players of the Vitoria Club of Bahia in Brazil were obliged to get a lift to training on a rubbish truck, because there was a bus strike and their bus could not leave its garage.

AROUND 400 Bayern fans turned up to watch the first training session of the season in Munich and were surprised. Hungarian coach Pal Csernai put his men through a hard 45 minute session . . . to music.

REF ASSAULTS PLAYER . . .

IN the Nove de Julho v Londrina match in Brazil, a serious problem arose when referee Edmundo Abassanra physically assaulted Paulinho after booking the player. A little later on, the referee again attempted to assault the player after pulling him up for a foul. The other Londrina players had to intervene to avoid a new assault, and threatened to leave the field unless the referee restrained himself.

. . . INJURED REF CARRIES ON

IN Quixada, the local club was playing the visitors from another town, when referee Monteiro da Silva gave a goal which the home crowd considered was offside. Monteiro (to use the local Brazilian sports report) then "headed" a stone thrown by one of the crowd. Although blood was pouring from his head, Monteiro refused attention and continued refereeing to the applause of the previously hostile crowd.

"A good referee cannot allow outside considerations to interfere with a match," he said later.



A rare picture of Argentina manager Cesar Luis Menotti — no cigarette and a smile! While the World Champions were in Italy recently they were presented to His Holiness Pope John Paul II.

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'WE COULD STARS TO

A BAD omen for English football could be the loss of two of our best players — one young and promising the other a proven star — to foreign football, attracted by the superior wages and conditions that apply on the Continent.

I'm referring, of course, to Laurie Cunningham who, instead of lining up against Liverpool this Saturday for West Brom, will be playing in Spain in the colours of Real Madrid; and Dave Watson, who left Manchester City for West German side Werder Bremen.

Next season could see many other British players following in their footsteps unless things improve financially at home. Wages are higher, and taxation lower, in most parts of the rest of Europe, and can provide an irresistible lure to players here who are dissatisfied with their rewards.

My former team-mate at Liverpool, Kevin Keegan, had to "emigrate" to get the pay he felt he deserved. But before you get any wrong ideas, I'll state here and now that I'm very happy with the new, long-term contract I've just signed with Liverpool, which will last me until the time comes when I'll need to retire from top class football.

Things are also looking better

since the new government cut taxes, which means that the likes of me will be paying only 60p in the pound instead of 80p.

Arsenal, I know, have had to battle to hang on to two of their restless young stars, Irishmen Liam Brady and David O'Leary.

The club were also in the market for Johan Neeskens when the talented Dutch ace's contract ran out with Barcelona, but apparently they could not offer attractive enough terms, and he went to the United States instead.

So although two other Dutchmen, Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen, joined Ipswich last season, I doubt if we'll see many other big name Continentals from non Iron Curtain countries willing to transfer to British football.

The emphasis, as I've indicated, could be much more in the other direction.

But everything has drawbacks, and switching to another club in a strange country certainly must involve a lot of adjustments. It's a great help, of course, to speak the language, although I doubt if many players are bi-lingual so that's one hurdle they face for a start.

Kevin Keegan had a terrible time settling down in his first season at

'Dave Watson is suited to West German football'



LOSE MORE THE CONTINENT'

Hamburger SV. He knew only a few German "survival" phrases, many of his team-mates resented him and even refused to pass to him in games, and he had the off-field problem of finding a house and settling down with his wife Jean.

But all credit to the lad. He bought a stack of Linguaphone records, to help him learn German, ignored the animosity at the club, and concentrated on mastering the man-to-man marking technique and winning over the fans and Press.

So establishing oneself with a foreign club is not just a question of footballing skill, but also a test of character.

How do I think Laurie and Dave will fare with their new clubs? Laurie, as a coloured player, will be no novelty to Spanish crowds, as they are long accustomed to players of all nationalities. He is a very bright, lively person with a likeable disposition.

Brutal

But he could find life hard on the field. Although he's accustomed to being tightly marked in our football, he's likely to find the tackling in Spain on the brutal side. The tackle from behind seems to be tolerated by referees there, and every team has at least one "hatchetman" whose job it is to clamp down hard on anyone who starts running rings around the other defenders.

So Laurie is going to have to use all his speed and agility to prevent himself being consistently clobbered. Otherwise he's in for a lot of pain in Spain.

He must also concentrate on scoring more often from the many goal chances he makes, a fault that showed up with West Brom and England.

Whereas Laurie could struggle, Dave Watson should establish himself very quickly for the Germans play the type of football that suits his particular style. Dave, as I know from playing with him for England, prefers to pick up someone to mark throughout a match. Manchester City will find him difficult to replace.

Of all the European countries, West Germany appeals to me most. It's a very modern, go-ahead country with a high living standard. The top clubs have marvellous facilities that can't be bettered anywhere and treat their players extremely well.

Most players I've spoken to on this subject also have a preference for West Germany.

One reason players there enjoy big wages is because of sponsorship, something which has begun in England — we at Liverpool now are



Graeme Souness in Liverpool's new Hitachi shirt.

'Sponsorship must be allowed to spread'

backed by Hitachi and Spurs by an Essex paper manufacturer — and this must be allowed to spread throughout the League.

The money from sponsorship could be the factor that stops our soccer brain drain and allows us to keep our most talented players, the ones who draw crowds and help win trophies.

This Saturday we play West Bromwich Albion in the League at Anfield. Apart from Laurie Cunningham, they'll also be without Len Cantello who has taken his talents to Bolton, in their second year back in the First Division. As a replacement for him, Albion bought Gary Owen from Manchester City, the team that has gone in for the drastic rebuilding that may prove their downfall.

Gary captained the Under-21 side in England's close season tour, and I along with other seniors commented on his tendency to attempt the difficult thing instead of taking the simple, easy course. For instance, trying a long, 40-yard pass when a short one involved less risk to achieve the same object.

Being on the small side, he must curb a temptation to assert himself

too much physically, to over-react at times to provocation. I offer this advice only because I'm convinced he has the talent and fitness to become a top star in the future.

Albion have also snapped up another England player from City: Peter Barnes, who has already collected an impressive stack of caps and should be a big hit in Italy next year if England — as they should — qualify for the final stages of the European Championship.

Peter's problem is finding that high level of consistency so important in a world class player.

Naturally, the man I have studied most, being a fellow 'keeper, is Tony Godden, who showed his true worth last season, often performing heroically to keep clean sheets and his rival, David Stewart, out of the team.

Tony is what I term a "reflex" 'keeper, capable of reacting in a split-second to compensate for his lack of inches.

But Tony, because of his reluctance to sign a new contract, looks like losing his place to Ivan Katalinic from Yugoslav Champions Hajduk Split.

Derek Statham is a very promising

defender, who, unfortunately, has to play out of position for the England Under-21's owing to the fact that Palace's Kenny Sansom is preferred at left-back.

Another team-mate who also stars for the international "babes" is Cyrille Regis. Cyrille scored a bagful of goals last season, yet failed to shine against Liverpool on the occasions we met. But then few strikers find our Alan Hansen easy to master.

Last season, in analysing the sides that could be challenging Liverpool for the Championship, I confessed to a suspicion that West Brom, who finished third last season, could turn out to be one-season wonders, as Q.P.R. did a while back.

It won't please their manager, Ron Atkinson, a larger than life character who has an infectious love of the game. Ron is my sort of boss. And not just because he comes from Liverpool and we are his favourite "other" team.

I hope my fears prove wrong. The Midlands need a second side to challenge the sway of European Cup winners Nottingham Forest.

Innovation

A few days after our game against West Brom we play the first-leg in the Second Round of the League Cup, a competition we've yet to win. This is the first time this Round, when the First and Second Division clubs enter, is to be played over two legs, and I suspect that the Football League have introduced this innovation in order that more of the "big guns" survive than in the past.

For the Second Round of the League Cup has been a notorious "graveyard" for clubs in the two top stratas.

Consolation for any loss of revenue for the lesser clubs is that they'll at least share two gates instead of one.

It's not sour grapes when I say that winning the League Cup lies fourth in our list of priorities, behind the Championship, European Cup and F.A. Cup.

However, its status will be enhanced this season when the Final is televised "live", like all other major Finals.

The League programme is planned for the Friday night of that week.

So there is the added incentive of playing at Wembley watched by the TV millions at the same time as a capacity crowd. I like the idea!

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'A good start - and Gillingham should clinch promotion'

RECKONS MANAGER GERRY SUMMERS

DESPITE the disappointments of the last two seasons, when they have lost out on promotion to the Second Division, Gillingham manager Gerry Summers refuses to be despondent.

After all Gillingham are one of the few Third Division sides who can be said to be enjoying an upsurge in their fortunes, he says.

Unlike former greats such as Blackburn Rovers, Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday and Blackpool, Gillingham have never held a status higher than their present one.

They have one of the youngest sides in the League — average age only 22 — and are also solvent.

Attendances have never been better, and coming from the Medway, a catchment area with its 250,000 inhabitants, means there is the potential for even greater things.

"Although we have been so close to promotion for two years now, nobody at the club is disheartened that we are still in the Third Division," explained Summers.

"The disappointments of those two seasons have probably stood us in better stead for promotion this time.

"Last season we managed 59 points, and 99 times out of 100 that would have been enough to take us up. Unfortunately, Gillingham just happened to be that 100th club.

"But it is essential to look on the positive side of things, and Gillingham have a great deal more going for them than many of the clubs we will be facing this season.

"It is essential that we get off to a good start, because this has been the reason why we have just missed out in the last two attempts. Our mid-season form has been tremendous, and if we can reach that peak just a little earlier then I can see no reason for missing out again."

The only problem facing Summers in his plans to get the Priestfield club into the Second Division for the first time revolves around the number of new clubs in the Third Division every season — seven in all.

Four come up from the Fourth, and three down from the Second, which makes planning for the future a very uncertain business.

'Unknown'

"Last term Watford and Swansea were the two unknown quantities, but who knows who it will be this season.

"All I can do is look at the sides who are staying in the Third Division with us, which means I have to consider Swindon and Carlisle as our chief rivals.

"The big clubs who have come down from Division Two often struggle to find their feet in the Third. They often consider that they are too good for this level of football.

"Unless Sheffield United, Millwall and Blackburn can get their attitude right from the start of the season, they could join that growing list of former giants who are now just struggling lower Division clubs."

Looking back to last season, Summers is loath to blame the club's startling injury list for their ultimate failure to finish in the top three, yet clearly it had a great effect on his side.

Charlie Young, John Sharpe, Damien Richardson and John Crabbe were just some of the notable absentees for vital periods of the season, and their return to fitness should boost the club's fortunes.

Added to the goalscoring power of club record signing Tony Funnell from Southampton, it all adds up to a reassuring prospect for the amiable Gillingham boss.

"Tony played 11 games for us last season and scored seven goals," he said. "The season before he managed exactly the same figure for Southampton and they went up."

"Unfortunately it didn't quite work that way for us, but when you add his talents to the goalscoring prowess of Danny Westwood, Ken Price and Damien Richardson it means that we will have a pretty formidable strike force this season.

"The prospect of taking the club into the top half of the Football League for the first time is an exciting challenge, and one which has inspired all the players to do even better this season.

"All we need to do is play with the same level of enthusiasm as we have been and improve on our traditionally slow start, and I am sure we can be right at the top from the off."

KIDS HAVE TO GROW UP QUICKLY AT CAMBRIDGE

WHILE man-of-many-clubs Tommy Docherty was hardly out of the headlines last season his namesake John was quietly getting on with his job.

Docherty mark two is manager of Cambridge United, the side aiming for a First Division place within ten years of being elected to the Football League.

It was in 1970 that they replaced Bradford Park Avenue and since then they have made remarkable progress. Last term was their first in the Second Division and they made quite a few people sit up and take notice.

"Before the season started we were virtually written-off by a lot of people, some managers included, who had us marked down as certainties for the drop," said boss Docherty.

"But we surprised everyone except ourselves by finishing 12th which I think was a considerable achievement. It would be easy to go for a mid-table position again but we're more ambitious than that.

"Promotion is our target — just as it is for all the other teams in the Second Division. We know we'll have our work cut out to even do as well as last season but we're going to have a go."

That's fighting talk from the Cambridge camp where Docherty has gathered together a squad based mainly on youth but not without experience.

He'll be looking for more consistency at home this season. Last term United won seven and drew ten of their 21 League games at the trim Abbey Stadium, a poor record by comparison to the previous season when they won 19, drew three and lost only once.

As Docherty is quick to point out, however, his side won four and drew two of their games away to the seven clubs at the top of the Second Division. Oddly enough, the only side to beat them twice were bottom dogs Blackburn Rovers!

There have been no big close season signings at Cambridge. Instead there has been a fresh intake of apprentices as the club pursue the youth policy that holds the key to their future.

"We've been priced out of the transfer market like so many clubs by inflated fees that we cannot afford. A youth policy is the only way and I'd rather see us bring the kids in and turn them into first team material," says Docherty.

"Basically we're a young side. Lads like Steve Fallon, Steve Spriggs and Alan Biley were in the side that won the Fourth Division title and our progress since then has enabled them to mature.

"Experienced players like David Stringer, formerly with Norwich, Bill Garner from Chelsea and Mick Leach from Q.P.R. have been great for the club. Just having them around has been a boost."

Lack of support at Cambridge is no real problem, says Docherty. "We've got to be realistic and admit we're not going to get more than last season's average of 7,000, and budget accordingly.

"Crowds have doubled since the Fourth Division days so I think we've won over the Cambridge public and proved our success was no flash in the pan."

Extension

A crowd of 5,000 at the Abbey Stadium, a neat and compact ground, can create quite an atmosphere and the club will start work in the autumn on a major extension to their grandstand.

Docherty may find it difficult to hold on to his leading goalscorer for the past three years, Alan Biley, who was closely watched by a host of top clubs last season. Spurs were reported to have had an offer of £250,000 turned down and his former boss, Ron Atkinson, was also said to be interested in recruiting him for West Brom.

"Alan is signed on a long-term contract," says Docherty, "and he's a player I don't want to see us lose. So until such time as we receive an offer we can't possibly turn down I am quite happy to have him here."

"We're not really interested in selling any of our players. Our aim is the First Division — maybe not next season but in the near future — and we need our best players here to help us achieve our ambition."

Cambridge boss John Docherty (left).



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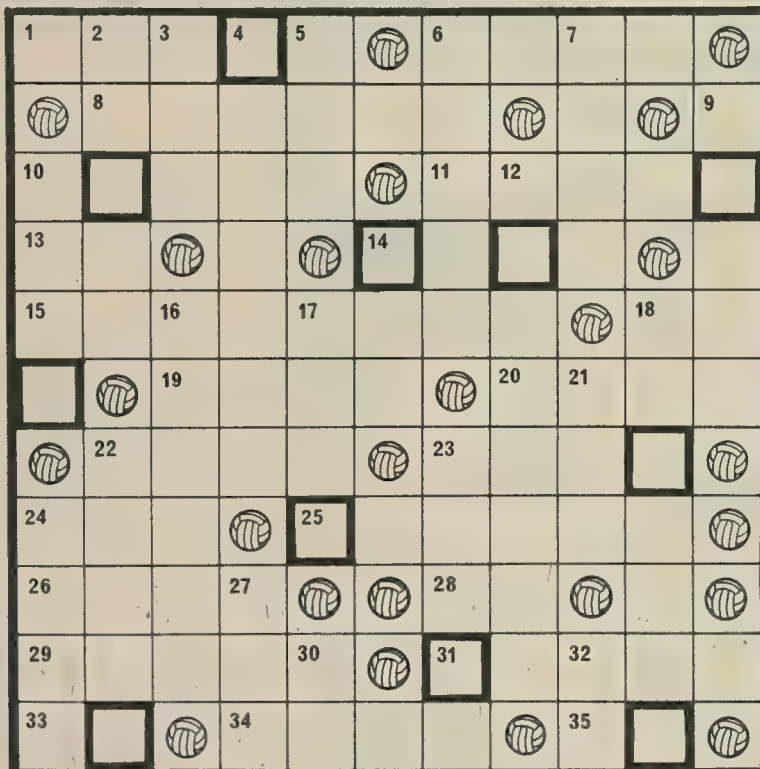
ACROSS:—

- (1) Oblique curling motion.
- (6) Birds associated with Sheffield Wednesday!
- (8) Clapham —, were one of the very first F.A. Cup entrants in 1871/2.
- (10) Use five letters from Wanderers to make "lost power".
- (11 & 19) Ground of Oxford United.
- (13) M-l-o; European Cup losing Finalists, 1979.
- (14) One might play at half-time during a big match.
- (15) Ground of Rochdale.
- (18) "Father" from Liverpool manager's surname.
- (19) See 11.
- (20) R-c-e-tio- Ground (Chesterfield). Merit from the omissions.
- (22) One side of the field of play, for instance.
- (23) Drive forcibly.
- (24) -y--some Park, Middlesbrough.
- (25) Kenny —, Crystal Palace defender.
- (26) ----s Park; home of Montrose.
- (28) Ein-h-ven. European club.
- (29) First half of the team from Villa Park!
- (31) Go in for a competition.
- (33) — Etienne, another famous European club.
- (34) Take four letters from Southport to give "stream".
- (35) Alan --ugh (Partick). The missing letters reversed.

DOWN:—

- (2) Sudden painful contraction of muscles.
- (3) — Atkinson, W.B.A. manager.
- (4) With whom Dixie Dean set up his famous goalscoring records.
- (5) Phil --y-r (Cardiff). Married from the missing letters.
- (6) Russell —, Ipswich Town player.
- (7) Vic More---- of Derby & N. Ireland.
- (9) — Hamilton of Swindon and also N. Ireland.
- (10) Fello-- --rk (Walsall). Insect from the omissions.
- (12) Viv —, Nottingham Forest defender.
- (14) Worthless or inefficient.
- (16) The East or part of a London club.
- (17) Goes too slow.
- (18) Top of the Scottish League!
- (21) Joe C--rri--n (Manchester City). The omissions in reverse.
- (22) Joint of the arm.
- (23) "Below" from Sunderland.
- (24) C-r- H--ri- of Leeds & Wales.
- (27) The famous Liverpool crowd.
- (30) Iain Mu-r- of St. Mirren.
- (32) --rino. What completes yet another European club?

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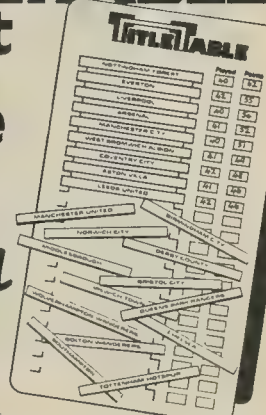
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HEIGHT: 5ft 9½ins
WEIGHT: 11st 5lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: No
CAR: Toyota
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Tottenham's
 Osvaldo Ardiles and Colin Todd of Everton
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Crystal
 Palace's Kenny Sansom
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating
 Newcastle United 4-1, last season
BIGGEST THRILL: Beating Newcastle in
 the above game
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being
 relegated two years ago
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Italy
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SHOOT!

DAVID O'Leary is looking forward to this Saturday's (August 25th) clash against Manchester United at Highbury with more than the usual expectation.

And that's not just because Arsenal have a fine record against United in recent years.

Games between the two clubs invariably produce cracking encounters — remember the F.A. Cup Final, for instance — and O'Leary gets real pleasure and enjoyment from playing in them.

O'Leary — arguably the best centre-half in Europe, who recently delighted all Gunners fans by signing a new two-year contract with the club — told SHOOT: "There's not much fun in modern day football. The prizes at stake mean most matches are a grim, relentless slog.

"But with United it's different. They have magnificent ideas about the game and stand for all that's good in football. They deserve their reputation as one of the world's greatest clubs.

"You always know you will get the chance to play a bit against them. They have an attacking philosophy on the game — and that gives other teams a chance to get at them as well.

"It's nice to be meeting them so early in the season — and so soon after that marvellous Cup Final, where we scraped home 3-2 with a late goal from Alan Sunderland.

"Who will ever forget the finish that game produced, with three goals in the last four minutes?

"But most of our games against United are full of incident and usually produce a lot of goals.

'Flocking In'

"It all adds up to marvellous entertainment for the fans — no wonder games between us bring the crowds flocking in.

Games against United are always enjoyable to play in — particularly as we have a very good record against them in recent years. We have managed to beat them at their place and ours, so let's hope we can keep that happy sequence going.

"But we know it won't be easy — it never is against Dave Sexton's team. We are going to have to battle for the two points.

"United have presented different problems in the last couple of years.

"In the past they never had a really big guy up-front and you knew that everything would be played along the ground to their strikers.

But that changed once Joe Jordan arrived. Joe is dynamite in the air and really wants some holding when the ball is up there.

Ray Wilkins, their recent capture from Chelsea, will have a big impact.

"I also have a lot of respect for Irish international, midfield man Sammy McIlroy, who makes life difficult for you with surging runs from deep positions.

"At the back there are not many better defensive partnerships than Gordon McQueen and skipper Martin Buchan, while young keeper Gary Bailey clearly

'THE RED DEVILS ARE GOOD FOR FOOTBALL'

says Arsenal's DAVID O'LEARY



Sammy McIlroy (right) makes one of his surging runs for United against Arsenal in the 1979 F.A. Cup final

has a big future.

"United will be challenging for the top honours again this season and we are in for a hard afternoon.

"But it's one I am looking forward to immensely. If the match follows the pattern of usual clashes between us it will be smashing for everyone involved."

Arsenal fans at one time feared that the brilliant 21-year-old O'Leary would not be around to take part in the game.

His contract expired at the end of last season and there were fears that he would quit the club and the country to go and earn his fortune abroad.

But after a lot of hard, patient — and dignified — bargaining the Republic of Ireland star put pen to paper to keep himself at Highbury for another two years... to bring sighs of relief from all Gunners faithful followers.

O'Leary was not holding a gun to Arsenal's head. There was no way he was trying to scrow the last penny out of them — he is not that sort of person.

In fact quite the reverse — he is one of the nicest lads in the game, quiet, polite and incredibly modest.

During the negotiations about his new contract O'Leary was merely trying to safeguard his future. Football is a short career — and can be ended abruptly by injury — so David was simply making sure he did not under-sell himself.

"Arsenal have been good to me since I joined them on leaving school in Dublin, and I have always been happy at Highbury," he said.

"But I had to make sure I got the best possible deal for myself. Arsenal were keen to see that I did as well — so it all worked out well in the end.

"People have been kind enough to say nice things about my ability as a player and told me I could have set myself up for life by moving abroad.

"But Arsenal are all I am interested in right now. I am not ready to leave the country yet — that's a big step for anyone to take.

"It might be different when the contract I have just signed runs out. I will be only 23 then — so I've got plenty of time."

Arsenal fought all the way to hang on to O'Leary this time. You can bet they will do it again when the occasion comes.





YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

1 You have awarded a penalty-kick in the last minute. Before the ball is placed on the spot, time runs out. Do you . . .
(a) signal the penalty-kick and then whistle for full-time, (b) immediately signal the end of play, or (c) delay the final whistle until the penalty is taken?



2 When a player is to be substituted can the sub enter the field anywhere on the touch-line?
(a) yes, or (b) no.



3 A player deliberately sits on the ball and refuses to allow anyone to play it. Should you . . .
(a) take no notice, (b) award an indirect free-kick, or (c) stop play and drop the ball?



4 A defender steps out of play over the goal-line to put an opponent off-side. The ball is passed to the opponent who scores. Should you (a) award a goal or (b) a free-kick for off-side?



5 Can a player who has been sent-off during the interval be substituted in the second-half?



ANSWERS

1. Delay the final whistle until the penalty is taken (c). This decision reminds me of the goal I disallowed Brazil against Sweden in the World Cup Finals in Argentina. After the corner had been taken I blew for time. Many people said I will change the law to that of Rugby where they state that time can only be signalled when the ball is dead. 2. No. At all football League matches you will usually see the linesman check with the substitute on the halfway line. (a) the player's name, (b) his studs are correct. Then the referee will call him on. although sometimes the ref does this inspection. 3. Award an indirect free-kick. (b) When watching Wales and Scotland at Cardiff in last season's British Championship, Terry Yorath sat on the ball in the middle of the field and waited for the players to come to him. I must say he was lucky not to be spoken to by the referee. Wales won 3-0. 4. Award a goal (a). 5. No.

PETER Nicholson (below, right) is one of football's great survivors.

Twelve months ago Bolton were prepared to dispense with his services and placed the 28-year-old full-back on the transfer list at £25,000.

He appeared to have no future at Burnden Park yet declined moves to Cambridge and Sheffield Wednesday.

Nicholson chose instead to forget that Bolton wanted to free him. He swallowed his bruised pride and threw himself into train-

Blackpool when Jimmy Armfield was there and moved with him to Bolton when he took over the manager's job in 1970."

Peter recalls the Fifth Round League Cup-tie at Derby in season 1976-77 as one of his most memorable matches. "We were in the Second Division at the time," he says, "and it was really good to go to a First Division ground and beat them 2-1. I think we should have won the Semi-Final as well. We drew 1-1 against Everton at Goodison, but slipped up at home losing 1-0. That defeat was one of the

BOLTON'S 'NICK'—A GREAT SURVIVOR

ing in an attempt to win a regular first team place.

He achieved his target and now, with the new season in its infancy, is attempting to wear the number three shirt with as much distinction as Tony Dunne, his predecessor in that position, until he retired at the end of last season.

The signs are that Nicholson's loyalty to Bolton and belief in his own abilities could reap rich dividends this season.

Many observers have expressed their hopes that Bolton will consolidate their position as a club worthy of First Division football, and Ian Greaves, Bolton's manager, is hoping Dave Clement, recruited from Queens Park Rangers, and Nicholson will forge one of the strongest full-back partnerships in the Division.

This latest phase in Nicholson's topsy-turvy career could be his most successful for he trod a precarious path before making his first team debut for Bolton in 1968.

"I came to Bolton when they were in the Third Division and gave service throughout the campaigns to the Second. Then I played all through the Second until we won promotion to the First. I just wanted a crack in the top flight. I thought I could do it. If you don't think you can, then you may as well pack in. It's everybody's dream really."

In eight years at Bolton, Peter has worn every jersey except the goalkeeper's, but has now settled at full-back.

"That's my preference," he says. "But no matter where I play I always give 100 per cent and try to do a good job."

How has 'Nick' found the wingers? "I've played against the best in English football," he says, "and I've coped very well. I think the boss Ian Greaves thought I would struggle against them, but none have come out on top yet. In fact, he came to me recently and told me he was glad I had proved him wrong."

Peter started his career at Carlisle as an apprentice in 1967 arriving at Brunton Park straight from school. "I didn't really do much there," he admits. "Then I moved to Blackpool and played three full First Division games for the Bloomfield Road club. I was at



most disappointing moments of my career.

"Last term the side didn't settle in the First Division until we'd strung together seven successive home victories, which started on December 6th when we crushed Wolves 3-0 at Burnden. We went eight matches without losing and our run came to an end on April 21st when Ipswich beat us 3-2.

"The team has settled and been strengthened by the close-season signings of former England right-back Dave Clement from Q.P.R. and Len Cantello from West Brom. Once you get a settled rearguard, then the play all stems from there.

"Jim McDonagh in goal must rank amongst the top six in the country and was a real bargain buy.

"There'll be competition for places this season. That's always a good thing as Liverpool have proved.

"After a campaign of consolidation who knows where we'll end up this time."

TERRY COOPER made 250 appearances for Leeds. Always a fighter he made a complete recovery from a broken leg in 1972 and played for England 20 times before being injured against Portugal, at Wembley, in 1974. He was in the 1970 World Cup team in Mexico.

Former team-mate, Jackie Charlton, paid £50,000 in April, 1975, to get Cooper to play for him at Middlesbrough (100 games). A

'I'll follow Big Jack's example'

year ago Cooper moved to Bristol City, the fee was £20,000, but after a couple of games he picked up an injury which put him on the sidelines.

He was contemplating moving back North where he has business interests in a newsagents shop and a newsagents combined with a supermarket. "I had to decide," he told us, "whether I wanted to stay in the game or not."

"The offer from Bristol Rovers came 'out of the blue'. I had toyed with the idea of staying in the game in a coaching or managing capacity and Rovers invitation to be a player/coach gives me the chance of seeing a bit of the other side of the fence and finding out how much it appeals to me. If it doesn't work out then I will concentrate on business."

There will not be any frills in his

TWO of the most popular players in English football — former Leeds, Middlesbrough and England defender Terry Cooper and George Armstrong, who occupies a large slice of Arsenal's history — joined new clubs in the close season.

They will be coaching for the first time in their illustrious careers — Cooper with Bristol Rovers, Armstrong with Aston Villa.

Both of them made massive contributions to our game and they will be remembered for years for their stirring, all-action, positive attitude on the pitch.

As you will read here, their attitudes towards coaching are equally positive which means that they will continue to healthily influence those around them.

style of coaching. Like his former Leeds team-mates Jackie Charlton, Billy Bremner, Allan Clarke and Norman Hunter he believes in getting straight to the point.

"I'm not one of those who uses big words and talks for an hour and then the lads turn round and say 'what's he talking about!'"

"For me, Big Jack is the best example. He can tell you what he wants in three words... he keeps it simple. Others waffle on for an hour and say nowt!"

"I wouldn't want to try and define the term 'coaching'. People who think Leeds were heavily coached are completely wrong. If you have 12 internationals on call you don't need coaching. Apart from the skills the players at Leeds were very fortunate to be in the best run club in England at the time. I would hope to try and run a



club on the same lines.

"Football is all about players and knowing the game. At Bristol Rovers I will find out what I believe I know of the game. Rovers are basically a very young side. Apart from myself they will need someone else with experience to look after the youngsters."

"I feel there is a sound basis for Rovers to do well and I think that if I can put over a few of my ideas to them then the lads will respond. If we can get the action going right on the field the crowds will come back and we will increase the revenue through the gates."

In Cooper's personal view schoolboys are coached too soon. "Too many schoolboys are getting coached by teachers and there aren't many coming through with natural ability."

"The boys are coming through too stereotyped and similar... it is a real problem. Even the under-ten's are getting coached. It's taking all the individuality out of them... ridiculous! I was never coached until I was 16 and I don't believe any of the players I was with at Leeds were coached until that age."

Emulating

Freedom to express their game is obviously open to Rovers players and we can expect to see defenders emulating Cooper's style.

"Certainly I'm not going to stop full-backs from going forward... I will expect them to go flying down the wings," he said. "When we've got the ball we've got to use it to the best of our advantage."

'Villa the same as Arsenal'

GEORGE ARMSTRONG hasn't worked before with Ron Saunders, manager of Aston Villa, but a chat about football in general plus George's ideas as a player and a person was all it took for Saunders to decide he had found the right man.

There will be many managers wishing they had moved earlier for Armstrong, who signed for Arsenal in 1961, had his first League outing in February, 1962, against Blackpool, and went on, incredibly, to log up over 600 games for The Gunners.

His flair, work-rate, consistency and unselfishness set a standard in the First Division. Those qualities will make him a 'natural' as a coach. Since leaving Arsenal, in 1977 he has spent ten months with Leicester and ten months with Stockport, but his family are happy living in the Leicester area and he didn't relish the thought of uprooting them again to move to Stockport.

"I knew my playing career wasn't going to last much longer," he told SHOOT, "and I knew I had to be positive about what I wanted to do. I am generally optimistic but to stop playing and start coaching with as great a club as Villa



stretched my optimism. After we had talked, Mr Saunders said he would like me to join them... it's a great opportunity for me."

Typically Armstrong gives praise to all and sundry. "Jimmy Rimmer and Gordon Clark helped get me this new job... great bloke Jimmy... Gordon, he was a scout at Arsenal, never gets the credit he deserves, a million managers pick his brains. Gordon had something

to do with Liam Brady, Frank Stapleton and lots of other great kids going to Arsenal..."

"Bertie Mee... a great administrator" Armstrong went on. "Certainly I've had many happy moments playing against Villa but I remember one game in particular. That was when I heard the name of John Gidman... he put me right out of the game. People sat up then and noticed John. I have a great admiration for him and am amazed that he hasn't turned out for England more often."

Techniques

"There's more 'know-how' these days," Armstrong reflected. "Coaching in the old days simply meant training. The big clubs had large squads and there was competition for places — the fittest, strongest players with ability won out. There wasn't too much emphasis on basic techniques."

"A player's attitude and what he wants to achieve in the game are most important factors when it comes to training. A good pro' is no trouble to train. I believe in discipline but it must be the right kind of discipline. Youngsters need encouragement and should feel

free to come and talk over any problem."

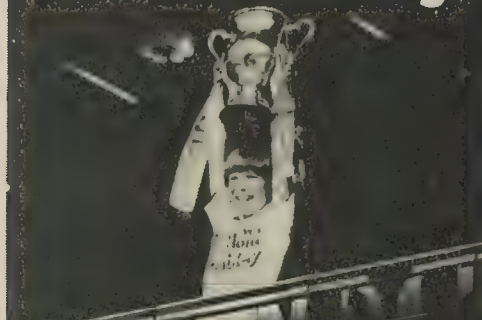
"You can either talk to people about things or you can show them. As I've just finished playing I will be able to show the players rather than talk gibberish. Footballers react quicker to demonstrations than a lot of talking."

"There is a high level of talent at Villa... you know you can't really appreciate players until you see them train. Arsenal were tagged as a 'method' team but if you had seen the players train you would have realised how professional they were."

"Villa and the Arsenal are similar in many ways. They have very great traditions. One of the things big clubs have to put up with is the impatience for winning trophies. At Arsenal we went 17 years then we had a cycle of about five Cup Finals. Normally — Liverpool are the exception — clubs have short bursts of winning Cups for two or three years then it is someone else's turn."

"It has been four years since Villa picked up the League Cup and from what I've seen in the short time that I've been here they will be strong challengers for everything that's going."

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TOMMY BOOTH'S message to Manchester City's long suffering fans...

WHEN Manchester City reported back for pre-season training in mid-July, they did so without the talents of England centre-half Dave Watson, England Under-21 star Gary Owen, Scottish midfield ace Asa Hartford and England winger Peter Barnes.

Their departures took place after the arrival of the controversial Malcolm Allison, and it seems reasonable to assume that the four players didn't fit into 'Big Mal's' plans to revitalise

the Maine Road club this season.

But one player whose future seems assured at Manchester City is the 29-year-old giant centre-half Tommy Booth, now fully fit after missing the first eight and final six games of last season.

"I had trouble with an Achilles heel," he says, "which meant Paul Futcher was drafted into the side alongside Dave Watson. Then Paul was dropped and I came in and it went on from there."

"Dave and I played together in a twin centre-half role. We more or less knew what was expected from us. We played with one another and it came off."

Manchester-born Booth thinks it would be wrong to say that he'll be

Wembley over Leicester.

"The new set-up at Maine Road means that Malcolm Allison runs the team. He trains and picks the side with the boss, Tony Book, looking after everything else. It's a joint situation and it was all Tony Book's idea."

"It's very difficult to say what effect the change is going to have. You can't guarantee success with anything."

"I know it's been said plenty of times before, but football is a funny game and you never know what lies around the corner. But we're brimming with confidence and we're hoping that the right results will come."

Are there any special problems facing Malcolm Allison? "I don't think

'Your loyalty will be rewarded'

the one to take over permanently from Dave Watson.

"After all, I did play alongside him eventually," he says. "It may mean the club will have to find a replacement for Dave, but nothing is certain in the early weeks of the new season. It depends on the way Malcolm Allison wants to play. He might have a different opinion."

"Paul Futcher could well stake his claim, but there again, I might not be in the side. You never know. I feel it's a case of playing it by ear."

Booth made his League debut for City against Arsenal in October, 1968. "I've won F.A.

Cup and League Cup medals during my 12 years at Maine Road," he says. "But my best moment came when I scored the winning goal in the last minute of our F.A. Cup Semi-Final against Everton during my first season. We beat the Goodison Park club 1-0 and triumphed at

so. Mal knows what he wants and he knows what he's doing."

How are City's two newcomers, Mike Robinson and Bobby Shinton fitting in? "You can't always guarantee money bringing success, otherwise all the wealthy clubs would rule everything. We're just hoping that they'll settle down, get stuck into the job and forge an understanding together."

"Our aim is to bring something back to Maine Road next year. Every professional footballer's ambition is to win something every season. We can't all be winners, but you all have the same target and just hope that you have the luck and the right sort of attitude to pull something off."

"For the last ten or 12 years City have been very well supported. Even when we've been going through a rough spell the fans have kept faith."

"All I can say to our supporters is stay behind the team as you have been doing all these years. I feel sure you'll be rewarded."



A young Tommy Booth (centre) in action for City against Leicester in the 1968 F.A. Cup Final. It was Booth's winning goal against Everton in the Semi-Finals that got City to Wembley.

New lease of life for The Cat



PPETER BONETTI, the Peter Pan of British goalkeepers, might have thought he was getting away from the pressures and strains of big-time soccer when he left Chelsea for the quiet life on the Isle of Mull in Scotland.

Bonetti, his wife Frances and children Suzanne (14), Kim (11), Nicholas (10) and Lisa (7) moved from the bright lights of London to take over a guest house. But there was to be no peace and quiet for 37-year-old Bonetti.

Immediately there were several clubs on his trail. St. Johnstone wanted him and he even had talks with Clyde manager Craig Brown. However, his future was settled when Premier Division side Dundee United came on the scene.

Bonetti took his family to Tannadice on the day he was persuaded to sign for boss Jim McLean and afterwards he took one of United's tangerine shirts to his children and said: "This is the colour you will all be wearing from now on!"

Incredible

"I want you to go out and buy tangerine scarves and tammies for the new season. The old blue ones will have to go..."

The signing of Bonetti is incredible. United were having goalkeeper problems with regular number one Hamish McAlpine being sent home from a Continental tour after having a disagreement with McLean over tactics.

The timing of Bonetti's departure from the English scene couldn't have been better according to McLean. But is The Cat — a former England star, of course — too old for the rigours of the demanding Premier Division?

"Don't you believe it," says one of his new team-mates. "The other

night at training we were hammering shots at him from all angles and he was positively brilliant. He'll do... there can be no doubt about that."

"I've always looked after myself," says Bonetti. "I feel as fit now as I did when I started my career at Stamford Bridge."

"And there's a lot for me to do on Mull. We've got a fair bit of space and the grounds need looking after. I think I'll be kept in good shape!"

Why did Bonetti make the switch in the first place? He replies: "I've always liked the outdoor life. My wife went across to the Isle of Mull once and immediately fell in love with the place."

"She told me all about it and I knew I had to look to the future when my playing days at Chelsea were over. Frances and I took a trip back to Mull and it was ideal for what we had in mind."

"We bought the guest house as it was just the right size for our needs and I'm looking forward to it immensely. Signing for Dundee United is a refreshing challenge, too."

"I had a good look round the Tannadice set-up before I agreed to sign and I have got to admit to being impressed. This club is geared for success and I just want to play my part in the bid to achieve this."

Bonetti is now a football personality again after his brief "retirement". "Do you know," he says, "that when England beat Northern Ireland in this year's British Championship I didn't even know the score until the Monday after the Saturday game!"

The Cat is a colourful character and is obviously fit enough to play on until he is 40. And after that? "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it," says the agile, athletic veteran, who has found a new lease of life at Dundee United.

BRISTOL CITY manager Alan Dicks watched from the dug-out and was clearly impressed by the youngster in the rival team creating havoc in midfield.

"I heard he was good, but he is even better than I expected," admitted Dicks. The player receiving the compliment from a man not noted for extravagant overtures was St. Mirren's Scottish Under-21 star Tony Fitzpatrick (right).

He displayed his competitive talents in two Anglo/Scottish Cup-ties against the Ashton Gate side and Dicks followed up his initial interest by ending one of the longest running transfer sagas of all time by finally signing the player for £225,000.

"There were a couple of snags along the way, but I am delighted everything turned out well in the end," says 22-year-old Fitzpatrick.

"There was no secret that I longed to sample soccer in England. That is where I wanted to make my name and now I have got that opportunity."

"The size of the fee doesn't worry me unduly. After all, what is £225,000 in this day and age!"

"Bristol City is a good club to join. The manager is enthusiastic and ambitious and so are the players. In fact, that suits me right down to the ground."

"I know how good the team is



FIERY FITZPATRICK WILL SET BRISTOL CITY ALIGHT

responsibility didn't weigh too heavily on his young shoulders. If anything it boosted him to even greater efforts.

With his all-round ability Fitzpatrick will be warmly applauded and welcomed by Bristol City. Alan Dicks could well have got a 'snip' in bringing a player of his outstanding talents to the club for only £225,000.

Fiery Fitzpatrick will certainly set City alight. He will almost certainly be a leading candidate for City's 'Player of the Year' trophy by the end of the season.

Fitzpatrick says he wants to make his name in England. With his sort of courage and determination he is likely to do that in double quick time.

because I've faced the players. I've heard all about them being called a 'dirty' side, but that's an unfair allegation."

"The team doesn't mess around. They play to win... just the way I do. People often get mixed-up and confused when the term 'hard' is used. They immediately think a side is 'dirty'. That's all wrong, of course."

Fitzpatrick will make his impact in the English First Division. He is cast, like other tough Anglo/Scots before him, in the mould of Billy Bremner and Dave Mackay; he will give Bristol City backbone.

His partnership with Glasgow-born Gerry Gow will give City one of the best midfield duos in England. Both players can win the ball and use it intelligently.

Fitzpatrick's great strength is his natural leadership qualities. He became skipper of St. Mirren while still a teenager, and the



Gerry Gow

BERWICK no longer living in the past

FRANZ BECKENBAUER, Gerd Muller, Uli Hoeness and Sepp Maier — then among the elitists in Europe — were completely overshadowed. Their collective genius had to take a back seat on this occasion.

It was the European Cup-Winners' Cup Semi-Final at Ibrox and Rangers were leading 2-0 — 3-1 on aggregate — and heading for the 1972 Final. The man who was captaining Rangers and turning on a breathtaking performance of skill and endeavour was Davie Smith (right).

Rangers, of course, went on to pick up the trophy when they beat solid Soviets Moscow Dynamo 3-2. Smith picked up his medal and was then voted Scotland's Player of the Year.

Since then Bayern Munich have won the European Cup three times ... and Davie Smith has gone from the top Division to South Africa, returned to the bottom Division in Scotland and is now looking forward to the challenge of getting his Berwick Rangers team into the money-spinning Premier.

When Smith takes a walk down memory lane — and a player of his pedigree would surely be forgiven for doing so — he must wonder if it was only 1972 that he was being

lauded as one of Europe's finest left-sided midfield players.

Smith, though, has adjusted well. He says: "Taking over Berwick Rangers as player-manager was a move I welcomed. I've always been interested in guiding my own team."

"It's vastly different, of course, from life at Ibrox. Money is tight as you might expect and we don't get anything like the crowds that cheer on Glasgow Rangers."

"But our fans are now sitting-up and realising that they have a team here that is worth their support. They can see we are making efforts for them."

'The Start'

"It was wonderful winning the Second Division Championship last season, but that is just the start. Now we are in the First and we must build on our past achievements and look to the future."

Before Smith arrived at Shielfield the Berwick soccer fans were well and truly living in the past. Ironically, Smith played his part in their biggest-ever moment.

That was on January 28, 1967 when Scottish Cup holders Rangers, with Davie Smith wearing the number six shirt, went to

Shielfield on their first defence of the trophy and were astonished to lose 1-0 to a goal from Sammy Reid.

Berwick fans could hardly believe it. The soccer world flatly refused to accept it. Even a television commentator, reading out the Saturday scorelines, hesitated when the result came up and said: "I think there should be a 'one' in front of that 'zero' for Rangers."

He actually thought Rangers had beaten Berwick 10-1. They confirmed the real score at the end of the programme.

"You don't go anywhere in football unless you look to the future," says Smith. "Certainly that must have been a great occasion for Berwick fans, but I hope they have days just as great in the future."

Smith's leadership on and off the field is working wonders for the English-based club. Suddenly there is an urgency in the air around Shielfield. The fans are talking about 1979 ... NOT 1967! Berwick, who recently sold winger Peter Davidson to Queens Park Rangers for £30,000 — a record fee for them — are now searching for consistency. This season they will want to achieve respectability in the First Division. It will be a term of consolidation.



IN 1968 Dunfermline were crowned Scottish Cup kings, they were to go on and reach the Semi-Finals of the European Cup-Winners' Cup, they had a star-studded team and George Farm was one of the highest paid managers in Britain.

Memories are made of this! Dunfermline supporters must feel those days of heady success, great applause, neutral's respect, wide admiration and wonderful prospects must belong to another century.

The once-proud East End Park club took an unexpected course in kamikaze lessons and nosedived in spectacular fashion in to obscurity. In short, the team fell apart at the seams.

Barrie Mitchell, one of The Fifers' star men in their successful 60's as they put intense pressure on the Old Firm domination in Scotland, says: "The little things showed you something was going wrong."

"The players were wearing jerseys that had all been patched up. Previously we wouldn't have even worn them in training!"

"New boots weren't forthcoming as they had been. Players were being asked to go out and do their job with footwear held together with sticky tape. The club was in sudden decline. It wasn't nice to see."

Mitchell, Tommy Callaghan, Alex Edwards, Pat Gardner, Roy Barry and others were soon on the move as Dunfermline bounced from one disaster to another.

Last season, though, the long

awaited revival of Dunfermline started to take off under the managerial guidance of Harry Melrose, one of the club's most gifted midfield players in their history.

"We fought hard for that promotion," says Melrose. "It didn't come easy, I assure you. People talk about the pressures of the Premier Division."

"However, I can tell you that if it's tough at the top it is even tougher at the bottom. It is difficult to motivate the players, but you must keep them going."

Dunfermline are starting a new era. It has taken them a long time to get things under control again, but Melrose deserves great credit in getting them back on the rails again.

East End Park is a trim, compact round, worthy of a place among

the elite in the Premier Division. Melrose must now build a team that can hold its own among the big boys in the Top Ten.

They will undoubtedly find the First Division tough, but Dunfermline are looking forward to the task with obvious relish.

Mike Leonard, a former Celtic striker, was the man who led them out of the Second Division with precious, vital goals.

With Leonard searching for goals up-front the rearguard is well guarded by former Hibs' keeper Hugh Whyte.

Melrose has given Dunfermline direction again. They are on their way. Their meteoric dip in fortunes was incredible. Their climb back to fame and riches could be just as incredible.

DUNFERMLINE
soaring back
to the top



Dunfermline's Pat Gardner scores in the 1968 Scottish Cup Final. Their fans are obviously hoping good times will return.

1. Archie Gemmill inspired Birmingham City to a fine 5-0 win on his debut against which club in the Anglo/Scottish Cup?

2. West Ham's John McDowell was signed by Norwich City for a fee of £70,000, £80,000 or £90,000?

3. Aston Villa recently transferred two international stars ... can you name them?

4. Why was Southend United's League Cup first-leg tie with Brentford at Roots Hall, scheduled for August 11th, postponed?



5. Nicky Chatterton (above right) was signed by Millwall from Fulham last season — true or false?

6. Rangers and Celtic met in the Drybrough Cup Final recently. The Ibrox side triumphed 2-1, 3-1 or 4-1?

7. Which two clubs would be in opposition if the 1978-79 Scottish Second Division Champions entertained the 1976-77 European Cup holders in a friendly?

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

8. Queens Park Rangers manager Tommy Docherty signed England international Tony Currie (left) from Leeds United for £450,000. Currie has played for which two other League clubs?

9. Former England striker Stuart Pearson (far right) was signed by which Second Division club for £220,000?

10. Name the four England players who were recently reported to be unhappy at Everton.

CHARITY SHIELD

On Saturday, August 11th, Arsenal met Liverpool (pictured below) at Wembley in the Charity Shield. Answer the following questions.

11. Liverpool won 3-1. Who scored their goals?



12. Who grabbed Arsenal's consolation goal?

13. What was the half-time score?

14. Was the attendance 72,000, 82,000 or 92,000?

15. Did Frank McGarvey make his debut for the League Champions in this game?

ANSWERS:

1. Fulham. 2. £90,000. 3. Andy Gray and John Gidman. 4. Southend were unable to field a side due to sickness and injury. 5. False — he was signed from Crystal Palace. 6. 3-1. 7. Birmingham City and Liverpool. 8. Watford and Sheffield United. 9. West Ham. 10. Bob Latchford, Mike Peff, Colin Todd and Dave Thomas. 11. Kenny Dalglish and Terry McDermott (two). 12. Alan Sunderland. 13. 1-0 to Liverpool. 14. 92,000. 15. No.

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

The Leicester City revolution is almost over



LEICESTER manager Jock Wallace looked back over his first 12 busy months at Filbert Street and declared: "The foundations have been laid. Now the really hard work begins."

The situation sounds made to measure for the "Big Man" and that's exactly how he intends to put the second phase of Leicester's re-building plans into operation this season.

Wallace had guided Rangers to Scotland's "grand slam" when he suddenly quit success-laden Ibrox for the challenge of injecting pride and passion back into relegated Leicester.

Leicester were rocking on the heels of a bitterly disappointing 12 months in which manager Jimmy Bloomfield had quit and then Frank McLintock had also left after a season that had turned sour with Second Division status.

'Despondency'

Wallace, who had never been mentioned as a front-runner for the job, suddenly arrived out of nowhere and he admits: "There was an air of despondency and apathy at the club."

"But I suppose that was understandable in a way. Leicester had been relegated. Two managers had changed within 12 months and people seemed disillusioned."

"I knew then that the whole image of the club would have to be changed — on and off the field. It was a question of rebuilding brick by brick."

And in a year Wallace has been true to his word with attention to details from the top to the bottom — from the chairman to groundsman — with almost revolution-like impact.

He has sold or freed 15 players from his original first team squad and embarked on a youth policy that quickly took shape last season despite the threat of relegation.

Only goalkeeper Mark Wallington, 25, and 29-year-old left-back and skipper Dennis Rofe remain from Leicester's "old guard", while promising youngsters like midfield player Andy Peake and striker David Buchanan burst on to the scene.

At one stage Leicester's side last season contained only two players over the age of 20 and although they finished three points clear of the relegation line — Wallace kept his nerve and promise.

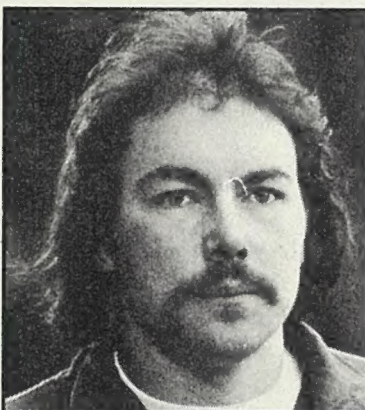
And while he gave youth a fling on the field, he continued to make changes off it. He modernised the training ground which now boasts

an astro-turf pitch under cover.

He made sure the hostel for apprentice players was up to scratch with personal supervision of the decoration of rooms and now he has every director involved at team level.

Leicester completed a successful three-week pre-season tour to Finland and Sweden during which time they created a 100 per cent record from eight games.

"But," says Wallace, "every director of the club was also involved on the trip. I had them in at team meetings because I wanted



Jock Wallace (top of page) — the man in charge at Filbert Street. Goalkeeper Mark Wallington (above) is still on the transfer list. Two of the youngsters Wallace has pinned his hopes on — Andy Peake (left) and Larry May.

my players to know how they felt about the game."

Wallace is making no bold predictions about promotion but he stalks the transfer market like a cat pouncing for players virtually unknown in this country.

He has quickly added Scottish Under-21 defender Gregor Stevens to his squad, at a cost of £125,000, from Motherwell and then doubled that price with the purchase of Oldham striker Alan Young.

Yet at the other end of the scale Wallace has picked up Elgin City midfielder Ian Wilson for £20,000 and Irish winger Pat Byrne from Philadelphia Fury for the same figure.

But he leaves nothing to chance. He sent assistant Ian McFarlane to assess Wilson over a period of five days while he remembered Byrne when he played in a European Cup-Winners' Cup-tie against Rangers — and then tracked him down.

Wallace explained: "I've got contacts all over the world and I don't easily forget a face. There are players to be picked up at the right price anywhere and they certainly don't have to be in the top flight all the time."

Young soon made an impressive mark hitting 17 goals in eight

games on tour including six in one match and four on two other occasions.

Yet Wallace insists: "He's still got to prove himself to me. There is a long way to go and he knows what I'm expecting. The youngsters who got into the side last season will be all the better for their experience."

Wallace's image of a claymore-wielding clansman descending on sleepy Leicester cuts no ice with "survivors" Rofe and Wallington.

Both are transfer-listed at their own request. Both want First Division football and Wallace sees their point without having to leave them out of the side.

He says: "They both want First Division football. I accept their viewpoint. But I also know their character and that while they play for me they will be giving everything. That's what counts."

'Honest'

Rofe, who turned down a £50,000 move back to Orient — the club he left for Leicester seven years ago — insists: "I had heard a lot about him but I have found that he's very good to work for."

"He's also one of the most honest guys I've met in the game. He's a strict disciplinarian but everyone is treated alike from the chairman to the groundsman."

"It's been a traumatic time at Leicester but he's taken stock of the situation and acted in a very positive manner."

Wallington is equally adamant about Wallace's qualities. He says: "You meet all sorts of people in this game but he is just what this club has needed."

"He's gone right through the place from top to bottom. He's earned a lot of respect for the sort of things he has done and although he's a hard taskmaster he's also a compassionate man and that's also important when dealing with people."

"He's obviously pinned his faith in youth and not been afraid to push through his policy even though relegation was at one time a possibility."

Wallace sees a similarity to the challenge that barred his way at Rangers. He reflects: "At that time Rangers were a team of stars who had drifted away from the basics of the game. They had started taking things for granted — and that's something no one can ever do in soccer."

Leicester City



BACK ROW (left to right): Paul Edmunds, Billy Hughes, Alan Lee, Gregor Stevens, John O'Neill, Pat Byrne, Neil Grewcock, Dave Buchanan.
 CENTRE ROW: Ian McFarlane (asst. manager), Peter Welsh, Larry May, John Ridley, Steve Humphries, Mark Wallington, Martin Henderson, Alan Young, Tommy Williams, Jock Wallace (manager).
 FRONT ROW: Garry Lineker, Mick Duffy, Bobby Smith, Eddie Kelly, Dennis Rofe, Andy Peake, Mark Goodwin, Ian Wilson.

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